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KFBK's Nichols "Resigns"

by M.R. Richards
OF MGW STAFF

In July, amid a flurry of resignations by on-air staff, afternoon talk show host Lee Nichols informed his audience that he, too, was leaving the station.

However, unlike the other staff members who were lured to Los Angeles station KFI by former program manager, George Oliver, Nichols' tenure was cut short by KFBK management.

While most stations use euphemisms such as "career advancement," "mutual agreement," and "accept resignation with regret," in attempts to counter loss of face and audience, Nichols is candid. "First, I must tell you that no one has the 'right' to a job on the air," he said. Nichols recalled when he was approached about the show by then program director Oliver, Nichols laughed and told him he didn't want to have a 60-year-old, gay, "out" college professor doing a radio show. Oliver encouraged him to take another look at the concept.

Oliver asked some tough questions, including "Is that all you are?" Nichols laughed as he recounted the incident. "I had to say that 'gay' is just one of the things I am. I'm a man, the father of five children, a business person, a professor, and on and on," he said. (Ed. Note: See MGW, May, 1989)

"In addition, the show was not a gay talk show. However, later it was suggested that I had an 'agenda,' presumably the 'gay' agenda; that I had too high a profile. For instance when I mentioned having an anniversary I shouldn't have said who I was with," Nichols said.

"But, it was a rewarding experience, too," he said. "I remember receiving a letter from a 75-year-old man who has three sons, one is a drinker and a womanizer, the other is a gambler and the third is a responsible, upright member of the community who happens to be gay. The man said he only wishes he could make the other sons gay too so they would live responsible lives!"

Nichols is philosophical about the situation, saying he would only have been able to continue the show for another six months because it was so time consuming. "However, the timing was their decision. Originally, I had agreed to work for George for two years — but two months later he was gone and it was a new ballgame." He will continue to teach at CSUS and is developing a new business concept and finishing a play and a book.

He says he is lucky to have the freedom he has and recognizes that his situation is unusual. "I live a protected existence, I can afford to be 'out.' We do it so others can. I don't have scorn for those who are not 'out' — but I do have scorn for those who can afford to be and are not," he said.

"Is it worth it to be out?" Nichols said, repeating the question. "I can only answer that by asking, 'Is it worth it to be free? Is it worth it to be a human being — to make decisions that the jailers would otherwise make for you?'"

Gentle man, father, business person, professor, media personality, lover, mate, gracious, joyous human being — gay — Lee Nichols is all of these and more. ■

Sacramento Shows Muscle in S. F.

Sandra La Brasca (Silver Medal), John Budlong, Edmond J. Blagdon (Bronze and Gold), Liz White (Silver and Gold).

Liz White and Edmond Blagdon did an extraordinary performance winning gold medals in the Mixed Pairs.

Photo by James Quast

Photo by Steve Savage

Seven Sacramentans showed muscle after winning five medals at the National Lesbian and Gay Bodybuilding Championships in San Francisco. Competing were Edmond J. Blagdon, John Budlong, R.J. Gonsales, Michelle Hudson, Sandy La Brasca, Cathi Meyers, and Liz White.

Musician Vanishes in Thailand

by Keith Clark
OF MGW STAFF

Oakland, CA — Noted bay area classical violist David George has been reported missing following his mysterious disappearance May 13 while on a round-the-world vacation. George, who is principal violist with the Oakland Symphony and the Midsummer Mozart orchestra, is widely recognized in bay area classical music circles. He also performs with the San Francisco Opera orchestra and was founding member of the San Francisco String Quartet.

George's lover, William Bombria, said the musician telephoned him from the Thai resort island of Ko Samui in the Gulf of Thailand off the Malay Peninsula on May 13 (May 14 in Thailand). At that time George told Bombria he had been having a problem using a safe deposit box in Bangkok where the musician was

keeping his valuables during his visit to the country. "He said something about some Australian tourists who might be getting in touch with me about it," Bombria said when the call was abruptly cut off. No one traveling with George has since been in touch with Bombria.

According to his travel plans, George was scheduled to leave Thailand May 19 by air for Athens and to have traveled then to Corfu, Venice and on to Vienna on June 7. In Vienna he had planned to visit a fellow musician, Joel Cohen, with whom he'd worked in San Francisco. Cohen and his wife, who now live in the Austrian capital, told Bombria they haven't heard from George. From Vienna, he was supposed to have traveled by train to Amsterdam for a return flight home via Vancouver.

George wasn't aboard his return flight July 5 when Bombria went to meet it. After calls to

the Cohens in Vienna, a call to George's brother who lives in Vancouver, and the musician's parents in Wisconsin, Bombria went to the Oakland police and reported his lover missing.

Credit card records showed charges of little over \$400 dated May 14 and 15 and a hotel room charge at Ko Samui dated May 14. Because Thailand is west of the International Date Line, dates there are one day ahead of this country.

Oakland police officer Gary Foppiano, who is handling the missing person case, said his office had been in contact several times by phone with police in Bangkok in an attempt to get help locating George but had no success. "The Bangkok desk officer we spoke with last," Foppiano said, "told us the police there don't even file reports. So tracking someone down who

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Social Worker to Walk 100 Miles for AIDS

Sacramento resident Nancy Nystrom, a social service worker with Sacramento County, has announced her intention to walk 100 miles in five days from Lake Folsom to Hope Valley to raise money for the Sacramento AIDS Foundation. Nystrom will start the walk August 28, and plans to arrive in Hope Valley September 1.

Nystrom began training for the walk in June, she will be accompanied by friends and co-workers including Valerie Herman and Cindy Parker.

Nystrom and her friends are covering their own expenses, and are asking friends and coworkers to pledge on a per mile basis. They will be accompanied by a van equipped with food and camping equipment. ■

Accountability Questioned

Editor:

I am writing to address your editorial, "Who Will Ask The Questions?" in the July 1989 issue. I want to thank you for raising those questions. The issues you raise need to be addressed to set a direction for the future of the gay and lesbian community in Sacramento. Furthermore, I support your call for greater accountability from our elected officials.

But I do feel that a number of important commitments were made at the candidates forum. In response to the issues you mentioned, I recall the following:

- With regard to hate crimes, Stacey Selmans asked candidate Heather Fargo to elaborate on a pledge in her campaign literature to address this issue. She advocated increased funding for the police department to respond to these acts and for an explicit city policy to enforce against hate-motivated acts.
- On the KWOD issue, candidate Bruce Pomer stated what he already was doing as a member of the Human Rights/Fair housing Commission. Pomer's words were clear and concise: "we are not going to stop at anything less than an apology." That was what we all advocated and what we won at the meeting that both you and I attended.

• Regarding the city-county merger, Tim Warford asked councilmember David Shore if he would commit to having non-discrimination language with respect to sexual orientation inserted into the draft of the Ad hoc Charter Commission at their presentation. David fulfilled his promise the next week, and went one step farther to add sexual orientation as part of the affirmative action provisions.

• The issue of abuse against gay and lesbian teenagers is indeed a serious problem. To my knowledge, the subject of gay and lesbian foster parenting is under county jurisdiction, but I do think that a commitment, where applicable, to removing all legal restrictions on the ability of gays and lesbians to become parents is in order.

• Candidate Kate Karpilow came out strongly for a domestic partners ordinance in Sacramento and stated that she would "work with the [gay and lesbian] community to make that a reality to the farthest extent possible." That commitment was in direct response to my question to all of the candidates as to what they would do to empower our community.

In addition, five out of seven candidates committed themselves to appointing gays and lesbians to city boards and commissions and there was much discussion about the

importance of future gay and lesbian candidacies for local elected positions.

You are right that not every question that should have been asked was, in fact, asked. The fundamental issue that you raise is one of accountability. As I see it, to accomplish this task we need two things: organization and direction.

For the last two and half years, the leadership of the River City Democratic Club (along with CAP/PAC and others) has established organization. We have established strong relationships with many friendly elected officials and candidates in the area to bring to their community. This was demonstrated by the attendance and preparation of the participants of the forum.

We now need direction to bring a cleaner and more effective message to those officials and candidates. This community is ready to begin considering our agenda for the 1990's. To do that we need input from all sectors of our community — gay and lesbian political, social and artistic organizations, the gay/lesbian press, and others. I hope that debate has begun.

Thank you,
Kenneth Topper
President

KWOD Meets Demands of Gay Community

by Louis A. Camera
OF MGW STAFF

A boycott by hundreds of persons against KWOD 106 and its advertisers was averted when the station management met virtually all demands presented by the organizing committee's leadership. The committee, a loose coalition of gay and lesbian community organizations, led by Everett Denman, met with KWOD 106 station manager and program director under the auspices of the Sacramento City and County Human Rights Commission on July 7.

The proposed boycott came as the result of KWOD 106 DJ Pat Garrett using the terms "faggot" and "limp wristed queer" during his broadcast of June 13, 1989, and the station management's lack of immediate action when the matter was brought to their attention. When Denman learned that the station was telling everyone who called the station to complain about the terms being used on the air that "they were the first person to complain" he decided to file a complaint with the Human Rights and Fair Housing Commission. He also began collecting

signatures on boycott petitions as well as contacting the stations advertisers to inform them of the station's lack of action and of a potential boycott.

"Had the station not met our demands," explained Denman, "we had nearly 100 people ready to picket the station and at least one advertiser that weekend." Some customers were ready to pull their advertisements if the matter was not resolved, and one customer who could not pull his ads signed the petition and promised to make a contribution to the Sacramento AIDS Foundation.

"I am particularly pleased with the way our community pulled together so quickly to respond to this matter," said Denman. Most of the signatures were collected during the Lambda Freedom Fair through supportive community organizations. Those assisting were Pillars, National Organization for Women (NOW), River City Democratic Club (RCDC), California Capital Political Action Committee (CAP/PAC), and Gay and Lesbian Alliance of Sacramento (GLAS of CSUS). Additional assistance was provided through *Mom Guess What Newspaper*, *The Latest Issue*, the Lambda Community Center,

Faces, the Western, and the Mercantile.

The issue received wide attention after the story appeared in the *Sacramento News and Review* on June 29. The story was then picked up by rival station FM 102 for extended discussion and listeners' comments the next day. The comments by the listeners were extremely supportive to the gay community. Ironically, the same FM 102 DJ's who called KWOD 106 to task were in the same predicament two years ago for a similar offense. The *Sacramento Bee* carried a follow-up story reporting the results of the meeting.

Denman, who does not consider himself an activist, was driven to action when the comments he heard on the air rekindled the memories of an event earlier in his life when he was assaulted simply because he was perceived to be gay. "When I was in college and not yet out to my parents or friends," he explains, "a group of young men surrounded my car while I was talking with a friend. The began screaming 'faggot' and 'queer.' Unfortunately, before I could drive away, the attackers broke the window. I remember vividly the window breaking and hearing

them yell 'get the queer' and 'we'll get you faggot.'" As if the emotional scar were not enough, he also faced lying to his parents on how the window came to be broken. "I don't want other young gay men and lesbians to have to go through that experience. Too often what starts as name calling ends up as

gaybashing, especially with young adults who are just coming to grips with their own sexuality and feel they have to prove themselves."

As a result KWOD 106 has issued a policy statement to all on air personalities that the future use of terms such as "fag," "faggot," "queer" on the air will result in immediate termination.

MCC Pastor Assaulted

by Keith Clark
OF MGW STAFF

San Francisco — The Rev. Lynn Griffis, assistant pastor of the Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of San Francisco was assaulted July 12 in the garage of her Haight-Ashbury district home just hours after the church received a death-threat aimed at Griffis and MCC pastor Jim Mitulski. Griffis' assailant apparently broke a window to gain entry into the adjacent garage, and when she opened the garage door to investigate the sound was struck in the face with a shovel. She suffered a concussion as well as cuts to her eye, lip and cheek. The assailant, whom Griffis didn't see, also spray-painted "Die With Your Fags" on the garage wall.

Earlier that day Griffis and Mitulski found a brown paper bag stuffed in the Castro district church's mailbox reading, "Jim-Lynn, I am having to murder you dead." Along with the note was a newspaper clipping on the recently enacted domestic partner's law with a photo of Rev. Mitulski with a red slash drawn across his neck and the words, "Funeral Notices" clipped from a newspaper obituary column.

Rev. Griffis, who heads MCC's AIDS ministry and actively supported the recent domestic partners bill, now stalled by a fundamentalist repeal move, said she believed her public work in the two areas were a primary motivation behind the attack. "It's about AIDSphobia and about lesbian- and gay-phobia," she said, "and probably domestic partner legislation and the fact that this church takes a gay-affirmative... stance." Speaking the day after the assault, Rev. Griffis added, "We will only get stronger and better."

Both Rev. Griffis and police are treating the assault as a murder attempt, partly because of the threatening letter and partly because Rev. Griffis' home address isn't publicly available. "Whoever it was," Rev. Griffis said, "did his research."

Less than two weeks before the attack on Rev. Griffis, the home of long-time lesbian activists Del Martin and Phyllis Lyon, who were this year's grand marshals in the city's Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day parade, burned in what fire department officials are investigating as a suspected arson case. At the time the fire was not considered an anti-gay case. Following the assault, however, Sgt. Senkir said, "Anything is possible, and we'll be looking at every possible angle in this case now."

Editor's Note: On Thursday, July 27, Rev. Griffis was again attacked and beaten.

According to police reports at 11 a.m. on Thursday, two men described as "skinheads" abducted Griffis from her home, threw her in a blue Plymouth sedan where they beat her then dumped her from the car.

After the ordeal, Griffis was taken to a hospital where she received stitches and treatment. She was then released. Mayor Art Agnos has issued a \$5,000 reward for information leading to the arrest of Griffis' attackers.

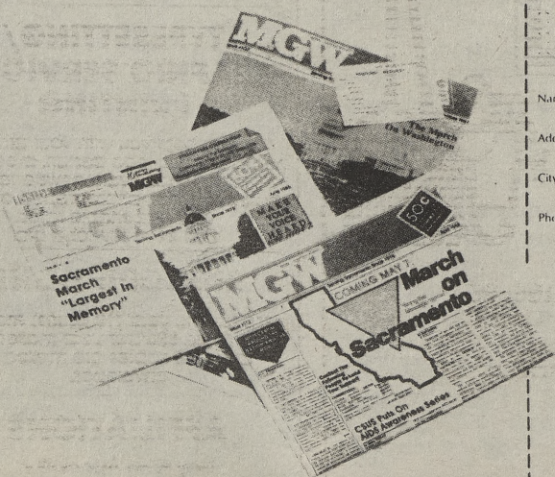
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S.F. Domestic Partners Bill Facing Repeal

by Keith Clark
OF MGW STAFF

San Francisco — On the day this city's newly enacted domestic partners legislation went into effect, July 5, a loose coalition of fundamentalist Christians and Roman Catholic clergy, with an assist from Phyllis Schlafly's Eagle Forum, filed petitions with 27,122 signatures to force the law onto the November ballot for a public referendum. That filing temporarily suspends the new law until it comes up for the general vote.

The suspension order came from the city attorney's office on Thursday, July 6, following a dispute between Supervisor Harry Britt's office and City Attorney Louise Renne over when repeal petitions had to be filed. Renne's office determined the new legislation was to have taken effect at 12:01 a.m. on July 6 instead of the widely reported date of July 5.

Renne said, "What we've determined is that the ordinance is suspended unless and until, one, the registrar (of voters) decides petition isn't valid, or two, the voters in November pass the ordinance."

The petition drive was headed, at least formally, by long-time lesbian/gay rights opponent the Rev. Charles McIlhenny of First Orthodox Presbyterian Church, and by Rabbi Lionel Feldman. Although the Catholic archdiocese here was not an official sponsor of the petition drive, some priests as part of their sermons have urged parishioners, during the past two weeks, to sign the petitions and made copies available after the Mass. The archdiocese's Respect Life Office also confirmed that while there was no official sanction for the repeal drive, their office had made copies of the petitions available to parish priests throughout the city.

In addition, during the final week of signature gathering, the Menlo Park, California, branch of Schlafly's Eagle Forum sent some of its members into the city to help gather signatures, primarily at churches after Sunday services.

In order to qualify, valid signatures of 18,000 registered city voters are required. The registrar of voters' office is not expected to complete verification before mid-July. With over

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Deukmejian Cuts AIDS, Family Planning Funds

by Michael Varacalli
OF MGW STAFF

AIDS Cuts

The annual waltz between the governor and legislature over California's operating budget is just about over. The Democratic legislature added funding to health and welfare programs which are an integral part of the party agenda. A stubborn Republican governor then slashed those programs back to what he considers a "common sense" level.

Cut was \$91.2 million for AIDS-related services, leaving a total AIDS budget of only \$114 million. Part of the vetoed funds were targeted for early intervention and mental health services. Deukmejian stated he is "committed to increasing AIDS funding in these two areas in recognition of the importance of early intervention and targeted case management plan in the overall AIDS effort."

Health and AIDS lobbyists, still smarting over the governor's endorsement of the failed Danemeyer initiative despite the advice of his own medical advisers, don't buy the Deukmejian public statements. "Not only is the State obligated to care for people with AIDS who do not have private health insurance but fiscal prudence dictates that with AIDS," said Rand Martin of the Lobby for Individual Freedom and Equality (LIFE).

Cuts in Family Planning

In related budget cuts, Deukmejian eliminated funding for the state Office of Family Planning. This budget action makes contraceptives and abortion counseling less available, according to pro-choice advocates. The action also fuels a political climate which is already red-hot over the issue of women's rights to choose abortion. Since the July 3 ruling of the U.S. Supreme Court, state

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Danish Visa Extended

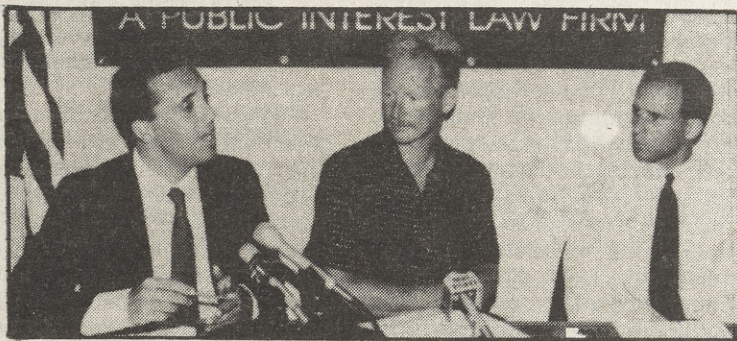


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THE IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION Service has bowed to pressure from the National Gay Rights Advocates to allow Knud Josephsen (center above), a Danish social worker with HIV, to remain in the U.S. for seven weeks to conduct research; he had previously been restricted to 30 days. In photo above, Dana Van Gorder (on right), a representative of the 6th International AIDS conference, and Josephsen listen as Attorney Benjamin Schatz, Director of NGRA's AIDS Civil Rights Project, explains to a news conference that by extending Josephsen's visa, INS acknowledges the unworkability of its restrictive AIDS policy.

RCDC Endorses Shore, Pomer

by Karl Greene
OF MGW STAFF

The River City Democratic Club has endorsed Dave Shore and Bruce Pomer in the Sacramento City Council election coming up in September.

Shore, the incumbent seeking a third term, captured 68 percent of the club's vote in the District 1 endorsement contest. Kate Karpilow came in second with 21 percent of the vote. Heather Fargo won 7 percent. No votes were cast for Mark Murray or Ray Trethaway.

In the District 3 endorsement contest, Pomer ran away with 80 percent of the club's vote, while Larry Augusta came in with 11 percent. Josh Pane, the remaining candidate in District 3, is a Republican and not eligible for the club's endorsement. Doug Pope, the incumbent, is not seeking re-election.

Shore's endorsement was hotly debated at the club's July meeting. Several speakers warmly praised Shore's record on gay and lesbian issues, noting that he wrote and introduced the city ordinance banning discrimination based on sexual orientation; in-

troduced the ordinance banning discrimination against women at The Sutter Club (formerly a private men's club); and has supported the gay community on other issues before the city council.

Others, however, vehemently opposed endorsing Shore on the grounds that his record on development and environmental issues is "dismal." They maintained that RCDC should not be a single-issue organization and should look at Shore's votes in areas other than human rights matters. They claimed he has been an ally of "the developers" and has not adequately protected Sacramento's neighborhoods. District 1 covers the downtown, midtown and Natomas areas.

In the debate over Pomer and Augusta in District 3, numerous RCDC members noted that Pomer has long been an ally of the gay community, especially in his significant work against the AIDS epidemic and his service on the human rights commission. Augusta, they said, has no record of involvement with issues of special interest to the gay community. District 3 covers East Sacramento and adjacent areas.

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by Paul Starr
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Dear MaleBasket:

I need some advice on women who fall in love with gay men. A woman I like (and sleep with) is very much in love with me, but I enjoy dating men as much as her. Is there some way I can make her understand that I will probably never be faithful to her? Do you think that many other bisexual men have this problem? What should I say to her to make her understand without getting hurt?

Sincerely, Both Ways

Dear Both Ways:

You are involved in a very complicated situation. The most important thing you must do to make this (or any type of relationship — whether it is a lover or just a friend) work is to establish an open flow of communication.

In this case, it means not coming across to her as though you intend to pursue a lasting monogamous relationship with her. It also means that you need to sit down with her, one-on-one, face-to-face, and explain the complexities of your sexual preferences. If she cannot understand or accept this integral part of your personality, there is no way any type of romantic relationship can be successful.

If you decide not to tell her, she'll probably find out some day and the result can be hazardous to your mental and physical health (she'll torture your mind and then might beat the E^9 ! out of you).

I am told there exist women who understand, and are willing to accept a long-term relationship with a bisexual man and allow him to occasionally mess around with men (although, in this age of horrible sexually transmitted diseases, the number grows fewer and fewer). I also understand there are such relationships which have lasted over many years. The few such relationships that I have known have ended just short of the man being admitted into a mental hospital. I have never known a man that could balance his love and lust and relationship responsibilities well enough to keep his

sanity too.

Do not feel alone as this problem faces many men to differing degrees. Very few men are exclusively gay or straight and almost all have some desire toward both sexes. Unless you are one of the incredibly lucky few who can find such a woman (or such a man for that matter), my advice to you, and the advice that I took myself a couple of years ago, is to sit down with yourself, figure out what you really want and need to fulfill your relationship and sexual needs, and make a choice one way or the other.

If this seems impossible, make a decision not to commit to long term relationships and switch from men to women as your dating desire pulls you. But either way, I think you are setting yourself up for a great deal of heartache if you try to have a balanced diet of meat and — women.

It is possible to have very close relationships with other men and women without consummating them with sexual relations. This is a very healthy (both mentally and physically) thing to do even though it may be very difficult to sort it all out for yourself at first. But trust me, it can be done and can result in a happy ending for you.

Dear MaleBasket:

My mate and I have a good sex life as long as I follow the rules. Number one is that we only make love in the morning. I would like to make love at night, but as soon as I start anything he says he's tired and it is time to go to sleep — and he does. At times this upsets me a lot.

I am the one who has to get up early enough to make time for sex and always have to get things started and then I feel it is like "Beat The Clock" before I have to get ready for work. When I do get things started, he usually just lies there and enjoys himself. I have asked him to be a little more aggressive, and at times he makes an attempt but then he soon goes back to enjoying the ride.

I would really like to feel as good as I try to make him feel. We have discussed this and he knows how I feel but makes no real attempt to do anything

about what I want. What can I do to make him more receptive to my wants and needs, or have I catered to his wants too long?

Sincerely, Petering-out

Dear Peter:

It seems to me you have put a great deal of time into explaining what you want, but have you tried to figure out why he doesn't want to deliver? Several possible answers come to mind. Maybe he doesn't find you as sexually attractive as he once did? Maybe there are specific acts that you want performed that he no longer finds appealing. Maybe his overall sex drive has decreased to the point where having sex with *anyone* is not a very big priority for him. Or perhaps he is getting all of his sexual fulfillment and energy serviced elsewhere.

Whatever the problem is for him, you need to find out what the problem(s) is/are in order to make any progress toward a solution (if possible). Talk frankly about this from his perspective. If he finds it too difficult to open up completely to you, agree on a third person (a close friend or a professional sex counselor who deals with gay relationships) who you can both spill your guts to and who will give unbiased and complete reports back to the other mate.

If there is a change that you are able to make (i.e. lose 20 pounds, go back to working out, etc.) do it as quickly as you are able and have him to give you frequent progress reports both during and after to keep things where he wants them. If the necessary change is beyond your control (his sex drive, etc.) then you need to decide whether the problem is big enough to end your relationship over (I would like to hope not!).

Ask him what he suggests you do to meet your sexual needs (sleep around on the side, get a lobotomy, etc.) and if agreement cannot be reached, refer to the sentence before this one.

If all else fails, learn to live with it. Learn to show your love in ways other than sexually. Subscribe to several sexy magazines, get a membership at one of several video clubs in the area with a large selection of gay flicks, and buy a lifetime supply of lube. ■



Cruising 101

by Paul Starr
OF MGW STAFF

The Lamda Community Center recently ran a six-week class designed to help those who have problems getting what they want from cruising. The class was very successful and the graduates have been applying what they have learned on poor, unsuspecting victims all over town. The secret? Knowing what you are going to do before you go out and try to do it.

If you are going to take a trip to a specific place, most intelligent people sit down and do a little homework and answer some very simple questions first. The same rules apply to cruising. Where am I going? Why am I going there? Do I really want to go there? Is what I want going to be there? And is it going to be there when I am? Am I prepared if something goes wrong along the way? Is my car all tuned up and ready to go?

The very first thing you need to do is to honestly assess what your objective is. Are you looking for a Prince Charming to share the rest of your mortal life with? Are you looking to expand your pool of friends? If you're

getting tired of searching for Mr. Right, are you going out tonight in search of Mr. Right-Now? Whatever your motivation, the rules are the same.

Step one is to sit down, preferably when you are feeling good about yourself and are in a creative mood, and make a list of the types of things you are looking for in this potential new friend lover, trick, whatever. Draw upon past experiences, both good and bad, and make the list as complete as you can.

After you've done this, take the traits and turn them into questions that you can ask your "cruisee" during that first all-important conversation. Be sure to word your questions so he can't answer them with a brief "yes" or "no." Also word them in such a way that you don't back him into a corner with his answer. A question like, "I really hate people who smoke. You don't smoke do you?" doesn't give him any way out if he smokes. Maybe a little gentler approach would get better results, such as, "I have a lot of friends who have decided to quit smoking now that cigarettes are \$2 a pack. What do you think of paying 10 cents a cigarette?"

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Vanishes

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might be in jail there is almost impossible."

Thai Air, the airline George was scheduled to take from Bangkok to Athens on May 19, could not determine through their records whether the missing musician had indeed boarded the plane.

The American Embassy in Bangkok told Bombria only that they have no record of any U.S. citizens in hospitals or in jails during the period of George's stay in the country. Similarly, the State Department in Washington D.C. gave Bombria the "cold shoulder" when he contacted them and informed him that despite the 11-year relationship the two men have had, Bombria

had "no interest in the disappearance" of George because he wasn't a blood relative. A State Department official told Bombria he should contact George's family and have them deal with the matter.

According to Bombria, however, Marlee Anderson of the State Department did tell him U.S. Embassy records in Bangkok indicated George's passport had not been used to leave Thailand. The George family in Gleason, Wisconsin, has also been in touch with the State Department. Edward George, David's father, described Marlee Anderson's attitude as "brusque." He said, "We realized the State Department and embassy in Thailand don't have the

resources to conduct private investigations of missing persons."

Francis Jones, press office for the State Department's bureau of consular affairs, said U.S. embassies and consular offices in foreign countries "handle thousands of such requests to locate missing Americans overseas" every year. She also said trying to track down such missing people was "a big part of our consular work."

Neither the family nor Bombria at this time is planning a private trip to Thailand, in part because none of them speak the language and partly because, as Edward George put it "we just wouldn't know where to start looking for a missing person in a country like Thailand." ■

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MGW FLASH!

by John Batchelor
OF MGW STAFF

For phone numbers and details on events mentioned in this column, check the calendar and organization information in the paper.

While the outlook isn't always so bright, there are occasional stars that outshine the rest. A recent front cover of the straight **Oakland Tribune** had a headline proclaiming that we are "Gay and Proud" • Some friends mentioned how upset they were to miss my **FLASH** column last month in **MGW**.

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• Two Sacramento organizations received **Cable Car Awards** for "Outstanding Out of City" groups in the San Francisco **Gay Pride Parade**. **Sacramento AIDS Foundation's Hand to Hand Project** won the **Marching Group Award** — many thanks to the creative genius of **Steven Doerr**. **CGNIE** — Court of Sacramento won the **Float Award**. Thanks to these folks, we were there and seen. • For a classy place to eat after hours,

try **JR's Restaurant** at 24th & J. They are now open until 4 a.m. on Friday and Saturday. • In other restaurant ideas, **Marrakesh** at Arden and Fulton is sure to provide a fun evening. Get ready for several courses and no silverware, fingers only!

• **Pillars** invites you to a "Mid-summer Night's Dream" on August 4 for a dinner & pool party. Then gear up for their seventh year anniversary blowout with **Marga Gomez** on August 18. • **Edmund Blagdon** won a Gold and Bronze medal at the **Physique 89** national competition in San Francisco. Congratulations! • **Sacramento Gay Softball** continues every Sunday in the 21st and C or 10th and P parks. It's great to see the involvement and enthusiasm this year • Are your pets almost like children to you? If yes, check out a new endeavor in town, **Pocket South Pet Hospital** operated by **Dr. Jim Czajkowski** and **John Clements** • Happy August Birthday wishes to my honey — **Pierre Nadeau, Chuck Downey, Yolanda Ortiz, Lu Hoge, Fran-nie Burton, Larry Hoover, and Laura Enright** • If you've ever thought of trying white water rafting, head to **Placerville's Chili Bar Whitewater Tours** and ask for **Josh**. I recently went rafting with the "other columnist," **Dan Palimino** (a.k.a. **Louella Parsons**) where he tried to drown me and when that failed, he settled on merely inflicting injury. In spite of the dangers of jealous friends, it was worth the trip • **Performing Artists for AIDS Related Charities** presents **Survivors, Dancing in the Light**. This adventurous group under the direction of **Robby Becker & Debby Bell** performs at the **Coloma Community Center** on August 4 and 5 • A beautiful send-off for **Kate Guzman**, departing Executive Director of the **Sacramento AIDS Founda-**

tion, was enjoyed by many at the **Sterling Hotel's Glass Garden** • **Linda O'Riordan, RN**, is sponsoring a panel on "Healthy Participants with AIDS/ARC/HIV" on August 5. Details: 927-4442, 487-0323 • Last month I mentioned a friend in search of a water-based lubricant with **nonoxynol-9**. One friendly drug store that carries it is **Pucci's Pharmacy** at 26th and I • **Joseph's Town & Country** concludes its pageant series with the **Ms. California Lady-of-the-Year Pageant**. The show will feature the state's most talented and beautiful lesbians on August 5 • **Faces** now offers Country Western dancing on Sundays, Mondays, and Thursdays, and Women's Night on Wednesdays. They are also sponsoring an end-of-season softball league party on August 20 • The recent "Get Down with Motown" at the **Town House** was a successful fundraiser for **Hope House** and **SAGA III**. And there are more to come • All the bars are getting together in planning a party bus and Reno trip on August 11. See **Bernie** at **Faces, Stacy** at **The Western**, **Ernie** at the **Mercantile** or call the **Wreck Room** • The **Buffalo Club** is hosting a fundraiser and

"Stampede" for the **Buffalo Stingrays** women's softball team on August 19 from 2 to 5 p.m. The all-you-can-eat chicken dinner is \$2 and \$5 will get you an all-you-can-drink beer bust. These women play great ball but I hear their chicken is World Class! See you there! **SACWN** presents a documentary film, **Out in Suburbia** and a discussion to follow by filmmaker **Pam Walton** at the **Clarion Hotel** at 7pm, August 18 • **Lioness Books** is having a special book signing by **Robbi Sommers**, author of **Pleasures** (erotic lesbian short stories) on August 31 at 7:30pm. Bet that evening will be packed and steamy!!! • A "new and improved" **Bound and Determined (BAD)**, a woman-to-woman oriented S&M support group is currently seeking new members reports **Laura Enright**. Upcoming topics include: August 13 — B&D; and August 27 — Coming out Into S&M stories. To attend leave a message at 456-8649 • August 19 at the **Lambda Center** all women are encouraged to attend a dance at 8 p.m. • Continue to have a great summer, see you in the special Mid-August fashion issue • **Bill Gingrich & Karl Greene** report

that a good time was had by all at the **River City Democratic Club's (RCDC) Barb-B-Que**. The highlight of the evening was music by **Steve Van Dyke** and **Jim Ralson** of **Open Road** • The annual **SMC** and friends excursion to the Russian River was a fantasy weekend never to be forgotten. The group fashion show sported ensembles that will hopefully never be seen again. Thanks to everyone involved for being such good sports • And speaking of river, a new resort, **Hacienda Del Sol** is beautiful and sponsoring a **Food For Thought** benefit on August 12 for only \$7, enjoy the pool and a Barb-B-Que • **Sacramento Area Coalition of Gays and Lesbians Against Defamation (SAC-GLAD)** is in the process of signing on with the national organization. Those interested in joining, please call **Everett Denman** at 689-3318. And **Everett**, thanks for your efforts in resolving the **KWOD 106** incident... Stand tall, John!

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Repeal From pg. 3

27,000 signatures, few people expect the petition to fail to qualify.

Due to a printing error, domestic partners registration forms were unavailable at the county clerk's office when the law was incorrectly believed to have gone into effect on July 5 even though over 20 couples showed up at city hall to register.

In the meantime, the petitions were filed that afternoon, causing the legal dispute to erupt between **Britt's** office and the city attorney.

Britt aide **Jean Harris** said she was unsure if the supervisor would take any legal steps to challenge the city attorney's ruling or not. According to **Harris**, repeal petitions are normally required to be filed before a law goes into effect. City Attorney **Renne's** office disagreed, however, and said the petitions could be filed on the day the law took effect.

Despite the repeal petitions, **Britt's** office remained optimistic that voters would approve the domestic partners law which was signed by Mayor **Art Agnos** on June 5 after unanimous approval by the board of supervisors May 22. **Harris** cited an April 27 **San Francisco Examiner** poll that showed 58 percent of those surveyed in the city favored the new law with 35 percent opposed and 7 percent undecided.

Harris said, "People in all walks of life who support this legislation are going to come together and say the right wing is not going to come into this town and drag us around by the nose."

Political consultant **Harvey Hukari** was less optimistic, however, and predicted that if

opponents of the law focused on "the economic impact and what this says about where families are in San Francisco, then they have an opportunity to win."

David Binder, another consultant, painted a different picture, saying opponents "have a small, narrow constituency that may be vocal and will certainly bring with it some votes. But I think they are too narrow to be much of a threat."

What is unclear in all these political predictions, however, is to what extent the city's large lesbian/gay community will rally behind the new law now that it's under attack. Both the **Bay Area Reporter** and **San Francisco Sentinel** gave the legislation only ho-hum editorial support when it was enacted, calling community reaction to it "lukewarm" and a "non-issue." Even the **Examiner** poll, while showing 78 percent of the city's lesbians and gay men were in favor of the law, also showed 17 percent of the homosexual community here opposed it.

Perhaps even more damaging has been the clear opposition of another leading gay public official, health commissioner **Jim Foster**. **Foster**, in testimony against the legislation, said he would have been forced into bankruptcy if he and his lover had been registered as domestic

partners. **Foster's** lover of 12 years died of AIDS in 1985 and he told the supervisors his partner would have been ineligible for federal benefits programs if the two had been registered as domestic partners.

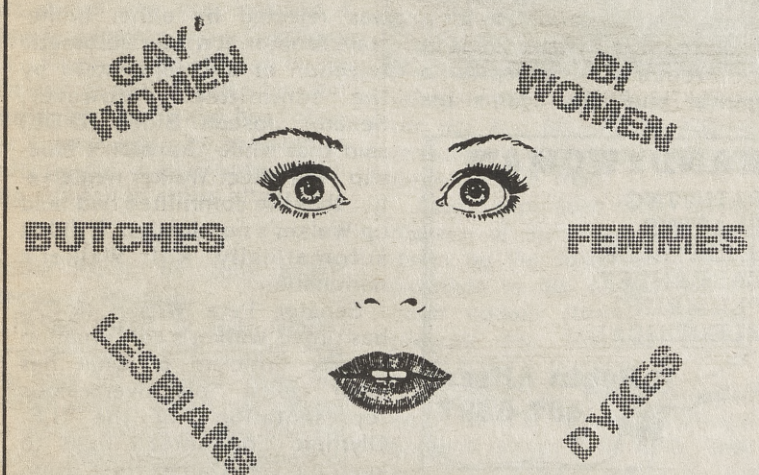
The economic questions **Foster** raised have left serious doubt in the minds of some lesbians and gay men over whether the new law is what they wanted or not. And community indifference to the law would be a clear disaster at the polls in November.

However, even consultant **Hukari** conceded the fundamentalist and Schlafly attack on the legislation was "likely to inflame the gay community because they will see it as an attack on their lifestyle." ■

Correction

In our **Flash Column** last month, the "1989 Men's Summer Bowling League" should have read "River City Bowlers" which is actually a mixed league consisting of 18 teams instead of the reported 8. ■

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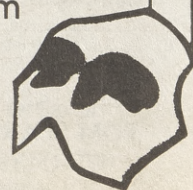
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Theatre Rhinoceros Closes Season

by Louis Camera
OF MGW STAFF

Let's hear it for extended runs! It was the saving grace, enabling this reviewer to see *Soul Survivor*, the last of this season's productions at Theatre Rhinoceros in San Francisco. Not only was the run extended for three weeks, but the play received the Bette Rhino Award for the best main-stage production, as well as sound design, set design and the best actor in a main stage production, the latter award being shared by the two leads, Greg Hoffman and John Hogan. The Bette Rhino Awards are given annually for outstanding contributions to Theatre Rhinoceros.

Anthony Bruno originally wrote *Soul Survivor* as a way of dealing with his lover's death of AIDS six years ago. *Soul Survivor* is about living and carrying on. It is a play about "survivors" and what happens to them as they take the next step. "Soul

Survivor is about romance, about what some of us have lost for a while and what we so desperately need to put back in our lives."

Bruno drew upon Noel Coward's classic *Blithe Spirit* as the underlying concept for his script. Jerry, an L.A. leatherman played by Greg Hoffman, is just beginning to date after the loss of his lover almost 17 months ago. The object of his affection is Mark, a naive North Carolina boy-next-door type who just happens to go to pieces in the arms of a man in leather.

The second act introduces the ghost of Jerry's lover, Brian, played by Chuck Kubick, who is hot to get it on with Jerry just one more time. The comedic interplay between Brian and Jerry, who can see and hear Brian, and Mark, who can do neither, is expertly played to the hilt for laughs, in spite of the subject matter. The three performers exhibit that great sense of timing so essential for comedy.

While the second act is

humorous, the first act is seductive — to the point of making the audience squirm. Mark's innocent country-style boyishness is humorous as he throws himself at Jerry after finding his collection of leather. Mark wearing a studded collar and fondling Jerry's leather vest and chaps is hot, as is Jerry's telling Mark just what to do in a semi-master-slave scenario. It is very moving at the end of the first scene as the lights go down on stage and Mark slides down Jerry's body. The second scene is played in the nude, to much audience appreciation. Both performers look good and could be the objects of many a fantasy. However, they both played their roles well and did not exhibit uneasiness, in spite of audible gasps from the audience.

This is John Hogan's second Theatre Rhinoceros performance, the first being in *Passing*, reviewed earlier this year. Hogan is definitely an actor to keep an eye on in future roles. He is truly able to grasp the material and to make the audience believe in his character. In *Soul Survivor* he demonstrates his ability to play comedy — a counterpoint of his moving dramatic performance in *Passing*.

Greg Hoffman is no stranger to the Rhino stage and was last seen two years ago in the production of *Dancing in the Dark*. He has a strong stage presence and shows great ability to handle what some would consider sensitive material well.

Theatre Rhinoceros is located at 2926 16th Street in San Francisco, between Mission and South Van Ness. They are currently conducting the season ticket drive for the 1989-90 season, call 415-861-5079 for further information. ■

McKechnie Lives Her Role

by Lou Camera
OF MGW STAFF

It is hard to believe *A Chorus Line* opened on Broadway almost 15 years ago. Since then hundreds of thousands have enjoyed watching the cast go through the horror of casting calls, interviews, and rehearsals — to find who will or will not make the final cut. The touring company which performed at the elegant Orpheum Theatre in San Francisco during the first week of July added thousands more to that growing number.

Donna McKechnie, back in her original role as Cassie, the older dancer trying for a comeback, showed the stamina it takes to make and keep making it in the business. She has likened each night's performance with running a mile. As if to prove it, during her solo dance number the perspiration flew off of her hair like water from a lawn sprinkler. This is the fourth production in which McKechnie has performed since 1975.

Her performance is what the show is about, hanging in there, continuing to prove herself to herself and to the audience. McKechnie's inspiration for this show is the memory of creator, choreographer and first director, Michael Bennett, who died earlier this year from complications of AIDS. In a recent *Bay Area Reporter* interview, she said she feels "this is a wonderful way to keep Michael and his work and what he believed in alive."

Staged as an audition, *A Chorus Line* is the story of 24

dancers who try out for spots in the chorus line of an upcoming Broadway musical. Zach, the choreographer (Randy Clements) reduces the group to 17 applicants who must then compete for eight spots.

One by one, Zach puts each dancer through merciless interrogation about their lives, hopes, fears and fantasies. Each tells his or her own story in the words, song and dance, hoping for acceptance.

The audience learns of Sheila's concern about "big tits"; Bobby's plight of growing up in a family with money, but no class and laments committing suicide in Buffalo, which he feels would be redundant; or of Mark's coming to grips with his homosexuality.

The only flaw is not the fault of the cast — it comes when performers state their names and where they were born. With the show appearing very contemporary, giving birthdates of the late 40's and early 50's, with the acting person being only in their twenties is disconcerting.

The well rehearsed, good looking, and talented cast did an exceptional job throughout the production. In addition, this reviewer can't commend the box office crew enough for its exceptional job in dealing with problems. What would have been a dismal episode was handled with professionalism which made for a wonderful evening. Although the touring company may have left the Orpheum, you can hope the same crew who assisted this reviewer with his ticket problems will be there to help you with yours in the future. ■

Olympics Attorney Still a Candidate for U.S. Court

by Keith Clark
OF MGW STAFF

San Francisco — Attorney Vaughn Walker, who gained notoriety in his successful attempt to bar the use of the word "Olympics" in connection with the Gay Games and later for his membership in the private Olympic Club here which has been accused of discriminating against women, is still a candidate for a seat on the U.S. District Court in San Francisco. Despite a negative "blue slip" against his

nomination by Senator Alan Cranston (D-CA) to the Senate Judiciary Committee which reviews federal judiciary nominations before sending them on to the full senate, Walker's candidacy is still alive.

Until recently, when a judicial nominee before the committee was rejected by either home-state senator, it meant automatic rejection of the nomination by the committee. However, Senator Joseph Biden (D-DE) said that while Cranston's blue-slip "will affect Walker negatively," that the committee had held up Walker's nomination, it didn't automatically kill Walker's nomination.

Senator Pete Wilson (R-CA) has urged Walker's confirmation despite criticism of what has been called "his overzealous representation" of the U.S. Olympic Committee's fight to keep the Gay Games from using the word "Olympics" and criticism from women over his defense of and reluctance to resign from the Olympic Club even after allegations of sexual discrimination by the club emerged. ■

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legislatures have more authority to acknowledge - or curtail - that right.

66% of Voters Pro-Choice

According to figures quoted by California NOW, two-thirds of the state's voters favor women's right to choice. Choice activists are planning massive rallies and other actions in San Francisco and Los Angeles on October 1. Both Pro- and Anti-Choice groups have turned up the heat on elected officials.

"We're in for the long haul" said Linda Joplin of NOW. "No Anti-Choice, Anti-Family Planning legislator - Democrat or Republican - will be safe. Either they take a stand in support of safe, legal and accessible abortion and contraception or they will be taking a plane home from Sacramento." ■

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On The Record...

by Laura Enright
OF MGW STAFF

Maximum Thrust by Joyce "Fenderella" Irby, Motown.

Joyce Irby, familiar to many as "Fenderella", the lead singer and bass player in the all-female band Klymaxx has branched out with her first solo album, **Maximum Thrust**. A combination of rap, funk, humor and hip hop rhythm, **Maximum Thrust** will appeal to R&B fans especially those who like the musical style Irby showed during the Klymaxx years.

Nights Like This, by Stacey Q, Atlantic Records.

Nights Like This Stacey Q's third album for Atlantic comprises 10 new tunes, seven of them co-written by Stacey herself. The album shows a maturity and diversification in Stacey's style and presents an innovative combination of technorock and up-tempo dance



music. **Nights Like This** may well be Stacy Q's strongest effort to date, and will take the listener to the apex of today's dance music scene.

Midnight Run, original screenplay by Danny Elfman, MCA Records

What can be said about motion picture screenplay albums? Like the movies themselves you either like them or you don't. While I may have appreciated **Midnight Run** more if I were hearing it while watching the movie, by itself it stank.

Flying On Your Own, by Rita MacNeil, Redwood Records.

Rita MacNeil, a long time favorite in Canada, presents her first U.S. release with her **Flying On Your Own** album. Sporting a wide assortment of tunes ranging from country to pop, MacNeil's effort shows why she received a Juno (equivalent of our Grammy) for Most Promising Female Vocalist in 1987. But while her music, her words and her vocals are indeed very nice to listen to individually, I had a hard time sitting still for an entire album.

Home Front, by Judy Small, Redwood Records.

Home Front is Judy Small's long-awaited fourth album. Using only her beautiful voice and simple guitar, Small has created an album full of stories she has woven while keeping the best of folk tradition. **Home Front** is filled full of imagination and unlike most albums on the market today, this one works.

Swamp, by Phil Thornalley, MCA Records.

Swamp, the debut album of British star Phil Thornalley, is a cumulation of the skills he acquired while working with groups such as Duran Duran, The Thompson Twins, Johnny Hates Jazz and numerous others. Thornalley's reputation follows him into this album as he blends contemporary rock, R&B and pop. **Swamp** has taken Thornalley out of the studio shadows and planted him center stage — right where he belongs.



Emotional rollercoaster, by Romanovsky & Phillips, Fresh Fruit Records.

Ron Romanovsky and Paul Phillips have attracted thousands of fans nationwide with their entertaining and affirming performances. By singing about their lives as gay men with honesty and an outrageous sense of humor, they have carved a niche for themselves in the alternative music industry. With the release of their latest album **Emotional Rollercoaster**, the two have once again shown the world that they do indeed have talent. From the outrageous "Give Me A Homosexual" to the highly empowering "Living With AIDS" Romanovsky and Phillips' songs are guaranteed to take you on your own emotional rollercoaster with music you won't soon forget. ■

S.F. Film Fest Does Big Biz at Box Office

by Keith Clark
OF MGW STAFF

San Francisco — The 10-day International Gay & Lesbian Film Festival rang up record figures at the 13th annual event. This year's San Francisco festival drew over 19,000 lesbian and gay cinema buffs who shelled out a record \$100,732 at the box offices of two theaters to see some of the current crop of movies that were part of this year's event.

Frameline, the lesbian/gay media group that mounts the festival in San Francisco, reported audience balloting indicated this year's most popular film was "The Heart Exposed," directed by Jean-Yves Laforce based on a script by Michel Tremblay.

Nine films shown to capacity audiences, included Mar Huestis' "Men in Love" and Ulrike Ottinger's "Hohanna d'Arc of Mongolia."

Several films shown at the San Francisco festival will also be exhibited at similar festivals in New York, Washington D.C., Chicago and Los Angeles later this year. ■

Balls of Fire Loaded

by John Batchelor
OF MGW STAFF

Dennis Quaid is Jerry Lee Lewis in Orion Pictures' "Great Balls of Fire." The musical biography, based on the book by Lewis'

where the welcome home was somewhat less than warm. From #1 on the Billboard charts, Jerry Lee was back to playing the honky-tonks.



former child bride, Myra, tells of the rise and fall — and dogged tenacity — of history's most untamed rock 'n' roller.

Lewis' short lived rocket ride to the top of the charts was shot down by the controversy of his marriage to his 13-year-old second cousin (twice-removed), played by Winona Ryder ("BEETLEJUICE," "HEATHERS"). Their love affair sent shock waves through England (where "The Killer" was even more popular than Elvis... for awhile), and public opinion there sent them packing for the States

After attending a preview at the Crest Theatre for "Great Balls of Fire," I was left with the impression that a person can make some mistakes and still be respected for their talent. This movie is loaded with music, dancing, and determination.

Amazingly enough, the movie only covers a two year period in Lewis' life. At times the film almost appears to be a living cartoon with comical fantasy scenes. In any case, it's a movie for people who love 50's rock'n'roll music, dance and Dennis Quaid. ■

Licence to Kill

by Monica RCRho
OF MGW STAFF

A Bond by any other name . . .

It's a strange feeling to watch the current James Bond (Timothy Dalton) when you grew up on one of the others, Sean Connery or Roger Moore (George Lazenby only did one Bond Movie, so he doesn't count). In my case I discovered 007 in the form of Moore, who by all accounts was completely different from Connery. I was familiar with Connery's version of Bond, but his Bond movies struck me as too sexist and depraved so I avoided them. But Moore changed all that, not that his movies still didn't have their share of sexism. But, they did at least start to show women as capable, aggressive and proficient in hand-to-hand combat, Uzies, and all other implements of death. If you're dealing with spies, counter-spies, and terrorists then these skills are a must for any woman on the go. I also like the humor Moore brought to the screen; his Bond was wildly entertaining. I started to appreciate the James Bond genre.

And now we have a new Bond with a different look and style. Where Moore was a wise-cracking deadly superspy, Dalton is a seriously intent, deadly superspy. I like Dalton because he's less arrogant than Connery's Bond, but more realistic than Moore's. His only problem, and it can be a big one at times, is that Dalton is somewhat passionless in his portrayal. He seems to have one mood only, a rather dry serious one which serves for anger, pain, grief, happiness, and love. With Dalton, I keep thinking that all 007 really needs is some primal therapy. Another problem with the current James Bond movies is actually a rather old one: the traditional opening credits with nude women and strategically placed guns. Those opening sequences have always disturbed me. Get rid of them, and I'd be much happier.

"Licence To Kill" is Dalton's second Bond film, his first being "The Living Daylights." In this film, Bond becomes a renegade agent out to avenge the bloody attack on his friend Felix Leiter (David Hedison), a Drug Enforcement Agency honcho, and Felix's new wife. Bond's target is a ruthless drug lord, Franz Sanchez (Robert Davi), who oversees the cocaine trade from his stronghold in some obscure little country. Joining Bond on his mission is Pam Bouvier (Carey Lowell), a secret informant working under Bond's friend, Leiter. Bouvier has all the survival skills needed to compete with the big boys, plus she's an ace pilot. She's a good foil and complement to Bond, although she does have to endure some of the traditional patronizing and sexist attitudes prevalent in these movies. "Yes sir," snaps Bond, after Bouvier helps him escape death and orders him into the truck she's commandeered for their escape. That wasn't the first time she helped Bond escape, and it is the closest she ever got to a thank you.

This movie is fun. It's complete with the usual death defying action, incredible feats of escape, and just enough humor to add additional punch. It also has a serious edge that gives it a sense of the here and now lacking in Moore's films. But be warned. Unlike the Moore films where violence was lighthearted but deadly, in this film the violence is heavy duty and very bloody. So if you're in the market for an all-around good action film and don't mind the extra gore, skip Lethal Weapon 2, and spend your money on 007. ■

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NEWS CLIPS

by Karl Greene
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State News . . .

San Francisco, CA...A fracas erupted in mid-June over the AIDS/ARC Vigil encampment in front of the Old Federal Building at San Francisco's Civic Center. Without warning on a Friday afternoon, the police swept in and ordered everyone out. They were told to take their tents and belongings with them. After several urgent conferences with representatives of the mayor's office and civil liberties attorneys, the police sweep was halted. Later, Mayor Art Agnos and most members of the Board of Supervisors condemned the police action.

—Bay Area Reporter

San Francisco, CA...Sheriff Mike Hennessey is considering challenging the law by distributing condoms to inmates in San Francisco's county jails. If the sheriff follows through with his proposal, he could be at risk of aiding and abetting illegal activities since sexual contact between prisoners is a felony in California. The proposal is still under review to determine the legal ramifications involved.

—The San Francisco Sentinel

Concord, CA...A religious war has broken out over an AIDS anti-discrimination ordinance in the suburban East Bay city of Concord. Fundamentalists Christians have garnered more than 10,000 signatures opposing the ordinance passed unanimously by the city council in April. The Roman Catholic Archdiocese and the county's Council of (Protestant) Churches have declared themselves opposed to the fundamentalists' position.

—San Francisco Sentinel

Santa Clara County, CA...The first Santa Clara County AIDS/Community Center Walk-A-Thon,

"Walk A Rainbow Mile," was held in June in conjunction with San Jose's Gay Pride Celebration. The event was part of a growing network of services and activities related to AIDS in the San Jose area.

—The San Francisco Sentinel

San Francisco, CA...Men who support reproductive freedom for women marched, rallied, and held an all-night vigil in June. The event was called by "Men Who Care About Women's Lives," an all male pro-choice group formed in San Francisco in March.

—News release

San Diego, CA...Bob Filner, a member of the San Diego City Council, has announced the formation of a 22-member lesbian/gay advisory committee to strengthen ties between the city council and the lesbian/gay community. "This advisory committee will help the city council make informed and responsible decisions on issues important to this community," said Filner.

Bravo Newsmagazine (San Diego)

San Diego, CA...Virginia Uribe, veteran teacher in the Los Angeles City Schools and founder of the district's "Project 10" outreach program for lesbian and gay students, drew more than 70 people to a recent meeting of the San Diego Democratic Club and received a standing ovation after a talk that lasted well over an hour. The San Diego Democratic Club is that city's lesbian and gay Democratic Party organization.

Bravo Newsmagazine (San Diego)

San Diego, CA...In an article in *The San Diego Union*, Dr. William O. Harrison, former director of Balboa Naval Hospital's HIV testing program, said the number of sailors and Marines testing positive is much higher than reported by the Navy. "The Navy is lying...the Navy just doesn't like any attention brought to the fact that sailors get any kind of venereal disease. It's an embarrassment."

Bravo Newsmagazine (San Diego)

Los Angeles, CA...Los Angeles' Gay Pride celebration in June included, for the first time, a dazzling fireworks display launched from the parking lot of the Pacific Design Center. Immediately following the fireworks, a "Special Salute to Stonewall" featured female impersonators from across the nation paying tribute to those who revolted against the New York City Police in 1969.

San Francisco Sentinel

National News . . .

Washington, DC...Anti-gay violence has increased "in real terms" this decade, according to the annual audit released in June

by the Anti-Violence Project of the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF). Keven Berrill, author of the study and director of the project, said that hate-motivated crimes against lesbians and gay men are widely underreported.

—Gay Community News (Boston)

Portland, ME...More than 400 Maine residents and their friends celebrated the third annual Maine Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Pride Day in June by marching through downtown Portland and rallying on the steps of city hall. The Boston Lesbian and Gay Freedom Trail Marching Band ensured a festive atmosphere, despite occasional taunts of "Faggot, go home" from hecklers.

—Gay Community News (Boston)

Washington, DC...The Human Rights Campaign fund (HRCF) raised about \$3,000 at a crowded reception in the nation's capital to help lesbian activist Karen Thompson retire her legal fees. The reception featured Thompson and pioneer feminist Gloria Steinem. To make a contribution to reduce Karen's indebtedness, contact the National Committee to Free Sharon Kowalski, 1725 Seventeenth St NW, No. 515, Washington, DC 20009. Phone (202) 667-3415.

—Windy City Times (Chicago)

Washington, DC...Condom manufacturers have agreed to voluntarily put expiration dates on their products, according to the Health Industry Manufacturers Association. Condom makers have been fearing that different states would pass laws with a variety of conflicting requirements, creating a distribution nightmare. The manufacturer of Trojans claims his company's condoms have a shelf life of five years, but many physicians advise using condoms less than three months old.

—Bravo Newsmagazine

Chicago, IL...The eleventh International Conference of Gay and Lesbian Jews will be held in Chicago, August 24-27. Registration is \$200. For information about the conference, contact Congregation Or Chadash, 656 W. Barry, Chicago 60657. Phone (312) 248-9456.

—Windy City Times (Chicago)

Washington, DC...Public Health Commissioner Reed Tuckson presided in June over graduation ceremonies for the first 16 AIDS peer counselors trained by the city specifically to help reach persons at risk for AIDS in the black community. He said the peer counselors' challenge would be to move AIDS prevention information "from theory to practice."

The Washington Blade

St. Louis, MO...A major grocery store chain in the St. Louis area has apologized by letter to two gay men and has adopted an official policy of non-discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation following an allegation of anti-gay harassment by a store night manager. The two gay men involved in the incident have said a mere apology would not be enough. They want to see policy decisions and education about homophobia which would ensure against future incidents.

The News-Telegraph (St. Louis)

Philadelphia, PA...A lone gay bar, Kurt's, is reviewing its legal options after a local radio station declined to carry the bar's advertising. The bar's owners claim a contract for \$20,000 had been signed when the "account executive" reneged, saying that the radio station "could not align with this kind of business" and that the ads "could damage the radio station's reputation."

Philadelphia Gay News

Indianapolis, IN...A controversy has erupted in the Indianapolis gay community because of allegations that three of the primary gay bars in the city are now refusing admission to drag queens, transvestites and crossdressers. The manager of one of the bars claimed that the establishment had been "swamped with boisterous, outrageous drag queens in double Dolly Parton wigs..."

New Works News (Indianapolis)

Chicago, IL...As part of an extensive revamping of the Chicago Department of Health's AIDS program, Mayor Richard Daley and interim Health Commissioner Richard Krieg have vowed to complete the city's long-awaited AIDS strategic plan by October, to evaluate the department's AIDS education activities, and to implement funding accountability measures immediately.

Windy City Times (Chicago)

New Haven, CT...A study being conducted at Yale University's Department of Psychology will involve participants who are HIV positive. The study aims to determine the social and psychological outlook of persons affected by AIDS and to determine the effects on their physical and psychological wellbeing. For information, write the Yale Project on the Psychology of AIDS, Box 7172, Yale Station, New Haven, CT 06520. Phone (203) 436-0800 (collect calls accepted).

Windy City Times (Chicago)

Tacoma, WA...The City Council has passed an ordinance including "sexual orientation" as a category of people protected from discrimination under city law. The ordinance was passed with a substantial margin by a vote of 7-2. Right wing religious groups vowed to organize a referendum to overturn the ordinance.

Seattle Gay News

Seattle, WA...The City Council has voted unanimously in favor of an ordinance that will delay implementation of a Human Rights Department ruling that requires the city to provide health insurance benefits to domestic partners of city employees. The delay will be in effect until March of 1990. The city is seeking an official ruling from the Internal Revenue Service on the tax exempt status of the city's health insurance policy.

Seattle Gay News

New York, NY...Two thousand protesters blockaded the Sixth Precinct Police Station in the West Village on June 24, the night before Gay Pride Day, to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the Stonewall riot. The two-hour melee stopped traffic in the Christopher Street neighborhood and, for 20 minutes, traffic on the busy West Side Highway nearby. Angry motorists and cab drivers charged the crowd, injuring five protesters, none of them critically. One motorist who drove into the crowd and shouted "faggot" was chased for eight blocks until he fled his car, which the demonstrators destroyed.

Bay Area Reporter

Chicago, IL...At least one gay man has been shot by three camouflage-clad men with high-powered BB rifles at Camp Pine Forest Preserve in Chicago's northwest suburbs. The man who was shot told police he was sunbathing in the forest preserve when another man ran by, warning him to flee. He said he lay down in the grass and saw three men quickly approaching in army fatigues. He began to run and was shot in the back three times with the high-powered BB rifle.

OUTLINES (Chicago)

Copenhagen, Denmark...As many as 100 gay and lesbian couples may turn up at the Copenhagen mayor's office on October 1 to get married. That's the day Denmark's landmark new law takes effect, making that country the first in the world to grant full equal rights to same-sex couples — including the right to marry. At the center of the mass wedding will be 74-year-old Axel Axlil and his 67-year-old lover of 40 years, Eigil Axlil. Axel was the first person to come out publicly in Denmark in 1948. He was fired the next day from his job as an accountant in an auto body shop. "We have been together 40 years and in all those years we've been waiting for this moment," said Eigil.

Philadelphia Gay News

San Francisco, CA...The Lyon Martin Women's Health Services agency's celebration of its 10th anniversary of providing health services to women in San Francisco included a benefit at the Great American Music Hall.

Author Alice Walker, Mayor Art Agnos and Board of Supervisors president Harry Britt took part in the fundraising event for the country's first health service agency aimed primarily at lesbians.

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MGW HIV NEWSLINE

by Sonya Cox
OF MGW STAFF

Trials Hotline . . . The Federal Government has established a national toll-free telephone service through which people who test positive for HIV or who have AIDS can learn about government-sponsored treatment trials. The number — (800) TRIALS-A — is staffed from 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. California time Monday through Friday. Get on waiting lists after discussing possibilities with your doctor.

Razor Suit . . . Bernard Goetz, serving a one-year sentence after shooting four teenagers on a New York subway in 1984, has filed a lawsuit charging the corrections department with negligence in forcing prisoners to shave with used razor blades he fears could be contaminated with the AIDS virus.

Action Replaces Talk . . . Project Inform in San Francisco is boldly challenging the authority of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) by organizing its own tests on the drug Compound Q outside government channels. The unorthodox challenge comes at a time when once-stubborn federal agencies are shifting toward speeding tests and releasing drugs for PWA's (people with AIDS). The government's reaction to the pressure in the weeks ahead could shape future policy on AIDS treatment issues.

Get Tested . . . It may be difficult to deal with a positive result, but early testing may add years to your life! The AIDS Foundation can provide someone to talk with about a positive diagnosis, as well as healing resources information on what to do next (448-2437). Testing positive does not mean AIDS will follow: as many as 1.5 million people may be infected with HIV according to the Centers for Disease Control. About 20 percent of men studied recently are without any symptoms after 10 years; three percent have lymphadenopathy; 18 percent developed ARC; and 59 percent developed some AIDS symptoms within 10 years of becoming infected. In Sacramento County, there have been 388 cases of AIDS since tabulations began in January 1981, and 20,526 cases resulting in 12,710 deaths throughout the State. Early testing for this treatable virus is highly recommended for anyone who has engaged in high-risk behavior in the past 12 years, or who received blood between 1977 and 1985 — before transfused blood was screened. Confidential testing can be done at Aquarian Effort (446-6467); anonymous testing at Capitol Health Center (366-2922).

Symposium . . . "Strategies for Lesbian and Gay Health Care in the 90's," the annual symposium of the American Association of Physicians will be held August 24-26 at the Cathedral Hill Hotel in San Francisco. Call 1-800-227-4730 for reservations. June Osborn will be keynote speaker; Drs. Elizabeth Harrison and Sandy Pomerantz will deliver lectures at workshops.

Community Projects . . .

- **Rainbow Festival, Sept 2-4, street fair at 20th & K (11 am to 5 pm) to benefit Hope House.**
- Calling artists of all persuasions to contribute works to fall art show to benefit local AIDS organizations. Call Arturo at 447-2510.
- For information on participating in developing a self-help manual on treatment combinations that have worked for you (a handbook created by people who are HIV positive for others who are positive), call Patty Blomberg or Bob Thistle, AIDS Foundation Protocol Coordinators, at 448-2437. Writers and experiences wanted. Community meeting (no date set yet) at end of August.
- "Positive Singles" Pool Party this month will be 1:00 Sat, August 26, 3624 Folsom Blvd. Bring something to BBQ and your suit! Call Arturo at 447-2510 to RSVP. ■

Medical Update

Compound Q . . . The early promise of GLQ227 (Compound Q) — the purified protien extract from the root tuber of a Chinese cucumber plant — is that it appears to selectively kill HIV-infected macrophages and block replication of the virus in T-helper cells — in a test tube. In China, the drug has been used for years to induce abortion. The question now, of course, is how much is enough to kill the virus and not harm the person carrying the virus. Studies show that HIV infects 2 to 7 percent of the macrophages in the body, it would be this small percentage of cells that Q would act on. Future tests may show that Q in conjunction with other drugs such as AZT may do the whole job! Phase I trials (6 months, low dosages on humans) recently began, and it is already known that the wrong dosage can cause blood clots, seizures and strokes.

CD4 . . . Don't give up on this one. Recently completed Phase I trials showed that the drug does not kill people in low doses, but they also showed that it did little else. But this does not mean it doesn't work: additional phases of testing may well show that the drug does wonders in larger doses or when mixed or alternated with other medications.

EPO . . . Recombinant Erthropoietin (EPO) stimulating factor for treatment of HIV-associated anemia has just been granted Treatment IND status (flexibility in testing timetables for compassionate uses) by the Food and Drug Administration. It is hoped that by taking EPO, individuals who have developed aggressive anemia from AZT may be able to reduce the number of transfusions they need to keep their red blood cells in check. AZT attacks the bone marrow which produces the body's red blood cells. It is not expected that EPO will ever rid the body of all anemia symptoms; it is hoped only that it will reduce the number of transfusions that individuals with severe anemia must have. Physicians can obtain this drug for patients who qualify by calling 1-800-243-7739.

Ribavirin . . . Oral Ribavirin tested for 12-20 weeks shows no enhanced effect on the HIV virus; in fact, lymphopenia was more marked in subjects receiving 1600 mg daily.

DDI . . . Tests on DDI (Dideoxyinosine) as an alternative to AZT are very positive, showing that DDI appears to have significant clinical activity with minimal toxicity.

Gancyclovir . . . On June 26, the FDA approved Gancyclovir (DHPG) for the treatment of CMV, a condition that causes blindness in PWAs.

NOTE: Do not administer any untested drugs to yourself. Discuss with your physician your interest in participating in drug trials for untested drugs. ■

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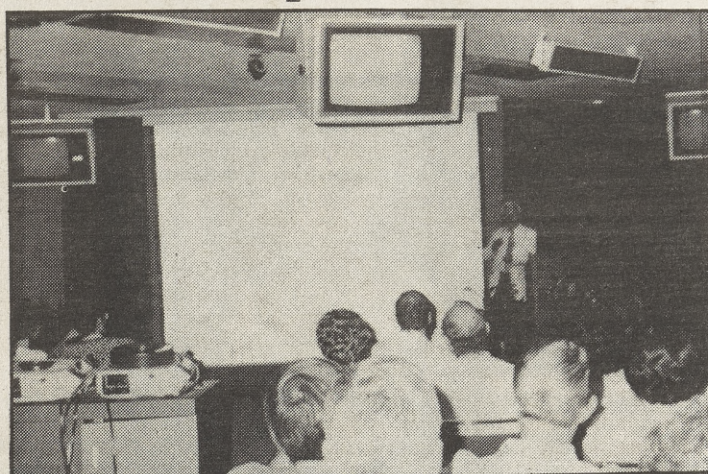


Photo by Sonya Cox

An open house at the UCD Med Center introduced over a hundred persons to the newly designed AIDS inpatient unit. The unit is staffed with physicians and nurses with expertise in caring for AIDS patients and includes a dayroom where patients can visit with each other, family and friends. Donations are being warmly accepted. Above, Dr. Elliot Goldstien, chief of the division of infectious diseases at the hospital, gave a slide presentation.

August

it was only a year ago
dancing in the moonlight
the world was my oyster
a chicken in every pot
and then pneumocystis came into my life
only days after KS had paid its unwelcome visit
and the world crashed down.

confusion (order books from Tower and tapes from L.A.)
and rage (not HIM! it wouldn't DARE!!)
and denial (no symptoms today; I'm sure it's gone)
and unbearable pain as so many friends said "me too."

off we go into the future
clinging as one
if you squeeze each other tight
a light appears in the distance
the light of love
the light of hope
the answer to the puzzle.

how wise we've become in only a year
how close we all are now
the challenge has been accepted
the fight of our lives is upon us
and the healing has begun.

our spirits, our passions, our laughter, our love, our emotions
soar with the wind at an all-time high
and light the night sky
and revel in the sunrise of each new day
knowing that in the sunset
we'll find serenity
still we're all too young to be this damned old.

by Sonya Cox

Roll Over to Increase Drugs Effectiveness

by Sonya Cox
OF MGW STAFF

People inhaling aerosolized pentamidine to prevent or counter effects of PCP pneumonia may soon be asked by their physicians to do more than just sit and relax while breathing through the nebulizer. Recent studies have discovered two factors that may enhance the probability that the aero-pent reaches all areas of the lungs.

The first is "posturing" — changing positions while inhaling the mist. Several minutes on your left side, then on the right, then on the stomach and back, and the last third of the time sitting in an upright position is thought by some physicians to enhance the distribution of the mist to all quadrants of the lungs. A special attachment needs to be added to the nebulizer to assure that the mist doesn't form droplets, which are not absorbed, when its position is changed.

The second factor is inhaling in alternating breath speeds — for example, 3 deep quick breaths followed by one long slow breath, nearly to the point of light-headedness. This too seems to enhance distribution throughout the lungs.

PCP (pneumocystis carinii pneumonia) in the past was one of the chief killers of people with AIDS. PCP is now thought to be nearly completely preventable when aerosolized pentamidine is administered early on (around the 250-200 T-cell mark) in HIV-positive individuals. Aero-pent also fairly well prevents recurring episodes of the pneumonia in those who have had a bout with it.

Don't just sit and read during your monthly visit. Actively participate in your treatment. Discuss posturing and breathing with your health care provider to see if these ideas may enhance your situation! ■

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Incidence Of Dementia Overrated?

by Sonya Cox
OF MGW STAFF

AIDS-dementia complex may affect fewer than 10 percent of people with AIDS as opposed to previous estimates ranging from 40 to 70 percent, according to a recently completed survey of PWAs in the Air Force.

"Our data really don't support the presence of progressive declines in cognitive function for HIV-positive males in the early stages of the disease," said Dr. James Mitchell of the Lackland Air Force Base Medical Center. PWAs were tested for verbal fluency, visual motor speed, mental tracking, manual dexterity, auditory information processing, and verbal and visual memory, and tested again after eight to 18 months.

Improvement was actually found in many cases, indicating that not only was there no significant decline, but that results of evaluations made within the first few weeks a person is diagnosed as meeting the criteria for an AIDS diagnosis may be misleadingly low due to "interference from health-related anxiety that may have affected the person's attention and concentration."

The test was conducted in PWAs under age 30. The results may therefore indicate that younger individuals are more resistant to the neurotropic effects of the virus, so caution should be used in generalizing the results as representative of the AIDS population as a whole. ■

What Does it All Mean? ...Your AIDS Glossary

by Sonya Cox
OF MGW STAFF

PWAs: People with AIDS (not "AIDS victims," which implies that PWAs are passive and helpless at a time when they're actively fighting to regain their health; and not "AIDS patients," which implies constant hospitalization — most PWAs spend fewer than 20 days in the hospital compared to 50 days a few years ago). "People with AIDS" shows that people are living with a manageable, treatable condition rather than a fatal illness.

Pneumocystis: Parasites usually found in the lungs of PWAs in the form of pneumocystis carinii pneumonia (PCP), the most common opportunistic infection of AIDS — but which can spread to other organs in the body. PCP is controllable by use of aerosolized pentamidine — which many believe should be administered as a prophylactic at the first indication of having the HIV virus. Intravenous pentamidine, used to fight the parasite in organs, in addition to the lungs, is more toxic.

Prophylactic: A drug that helps to prevent a disease before it occurs.

MAI: (Mycobacterium avium-intracellulare.) A serious infection that can produce the "wasting syndrome," bringing with it fever, fatigue, severe diarrhea and weight loss. Hard to detect because its symptoms are so similar to those of other opportunistic infections. A two-year clinical trial, by the San Francisco County Community Consortium of Physicians, will study the benefits of clofazimine as a prophylactic to help control MAI.

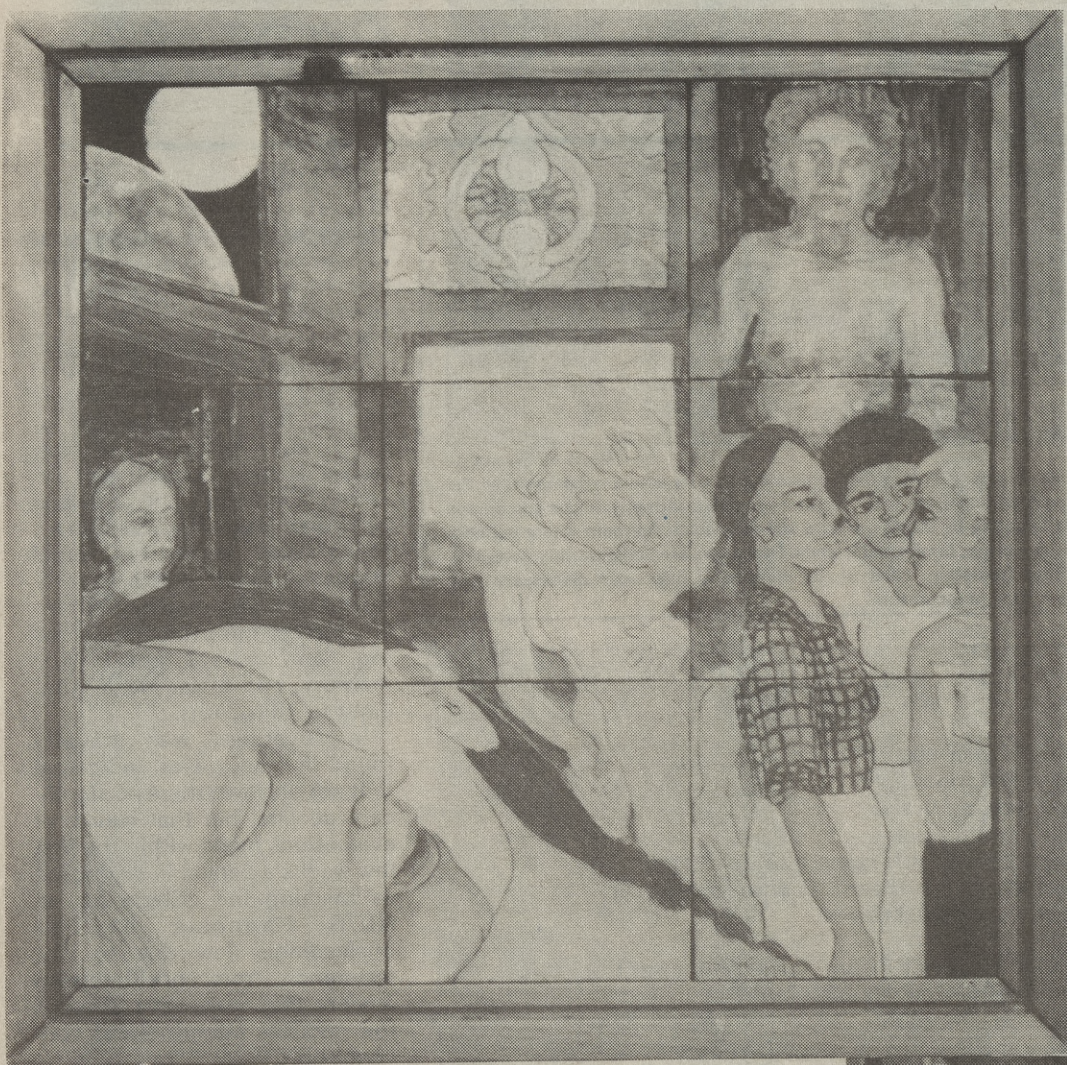
Toxoplasmosis: An opportunistic infection caused by a parasite found in outdoor cat feces and in uncooked meat.

Cytomegalovirus (CMV): A herpes virus. Can occur without causing any symptoms, or it can lead to a flu-like syndrome as well as to serious, even life-threatening infections, especially in PWAs.

CMV Retinitis: A CMV infection in the retina of the eye which can lead to blindness. The FDA is expected to grant approval to gancyclovir to treat this infection.

Ampules: Small, sealed glass containers used to hold a solution for hypodermic injection. ■

Judy Springer

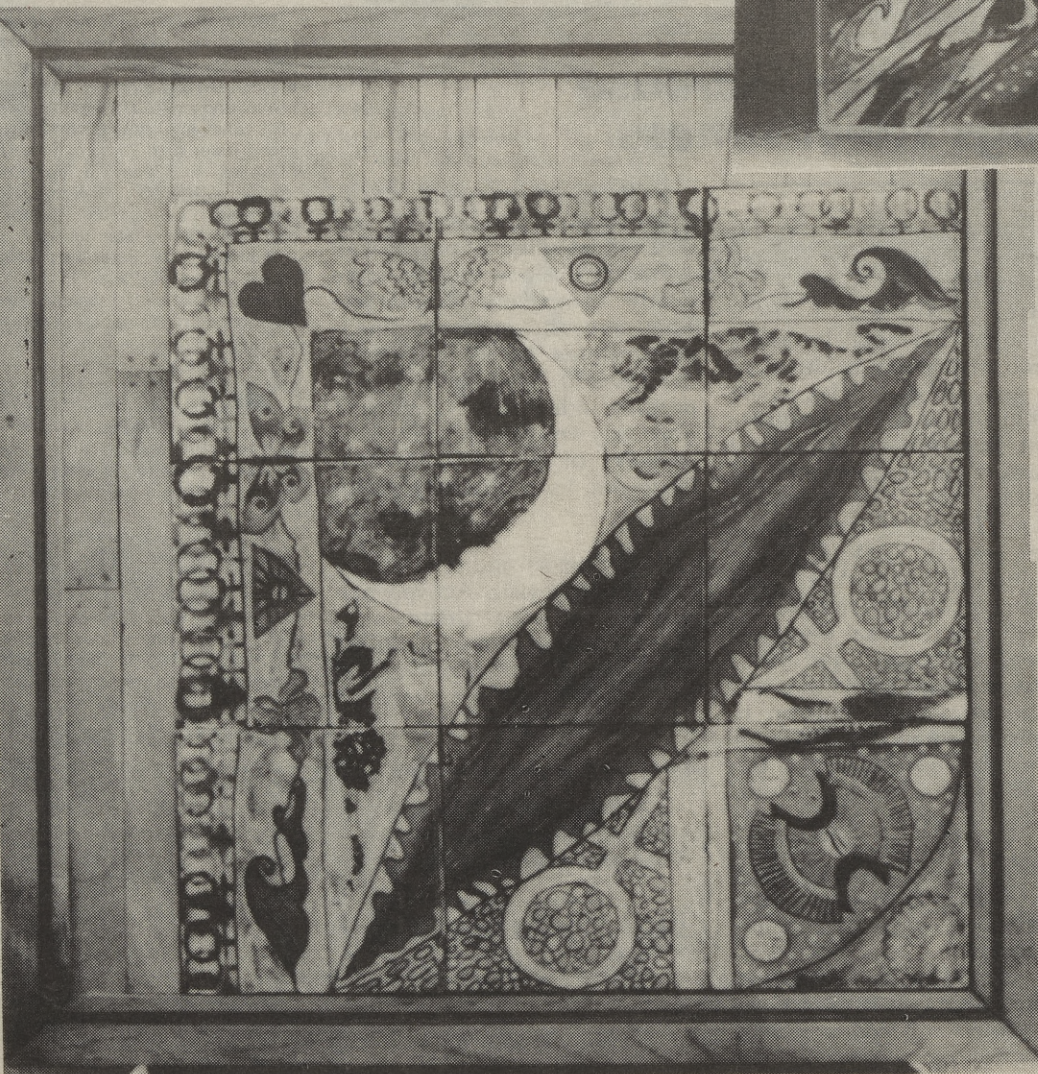


Lesbian Party



In My Room

Judy Springer is a local Sacramento artist. Springers' work featured on this page are porcelain clay glazed tiles arranged within a frame creating a theme.



Untitled

Golf

SAGA III hosted its second golf tournament of the year, an individual medal play at Bing Maloney Golf Course on July 8th. Award Ceremonies followed at Faces. Patty Braut and Michael Cooper were low gross winners and the low net winners Harriet Meacham and John Dixon. First flight winners for the women were Michael Mary Addison (Jurach), 1st, Anna Harrison, 2nd, Jan Williams, 3rd. For the mens first flight, Norm Frohwein 1st, Dennis Adam, 2nd, and Tom Lewis 3rd. Second

flight winners, those without established handicaps were, Leslie Elgood, 1st, Mavis, 2nd, and Debbie Mieke, 3rd.

The next tournament will be August 20th, at Dry Creek Golf Course featuring a four person best ball and individual tournament. ■



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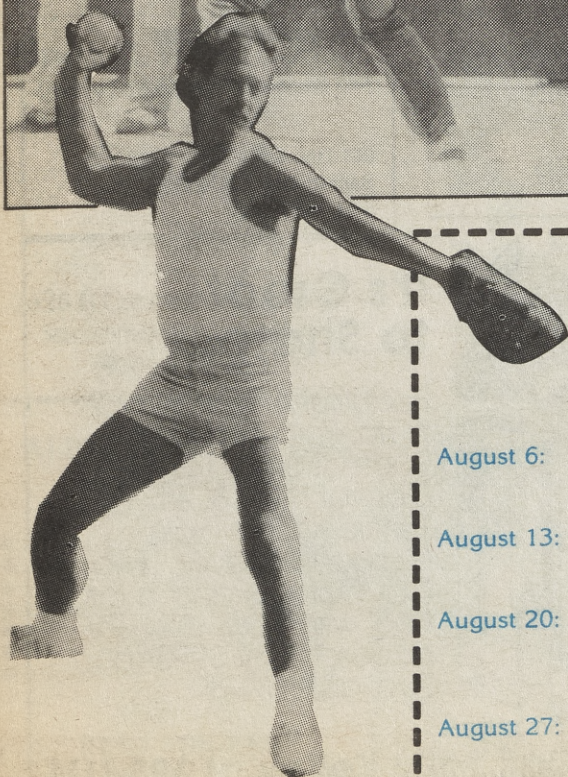


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Taxpayers Bill of Rights

by Catherine Whitney, EA
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On November 10, 1988, President Reagan signed into law the Technical and Miscellaneous Revenue Act of 1988, (TAMRA). Included in the provisions of the act were a number of new rights given to the taxpayers for their dealing with the IRS. These rights have become known as the "Taxpayer Bill of Rights." In July of this year, several of the new provisions went into effect. The variety of new procedures to be followed concerns collection of delinquent taxes and examination of taxpayers' returns.

In the past, one of the areas abused was the issuance of levies and seizure of taxpayer property to satisfy payment of delinquent taxes. To alleviate this abuse, IRS must now give notice to their intent to issue a levy 30 days before issuance, instead of the prior 10 day notice. Also, banks now must hold accounts garnished by the IRS for 21 days after receiving a notice of levy before surrendering the funds. These extended periods will give taxpayers more time to settle problems with IRS. However, if IRS finds that the collection of tax is in jeopardy, no notice is required prior to issuance of a levy.

Effective July 7, 1989, there will be a new administrative appeal of liens. Any taxpayer whose property is the subject of a notice of federal tax lien may appeal directly to the district director of IRS for release of lien. In order to use the new administrative appeal, the taxpayer must show an error in the filing of the notice of lien based on the following allegations:

- The tax liability has already been paid.

- The tax liability was assessed in violation of the deficiency procedures of Code Sec 6213. (Under this Code section, no assessment may be made until 90 days after a notice of deficiency is mailed. The taxpayer must be given time to file a petition to the Tax Court).

- The tax liability was assessed in violation of the Bankruptcy Code.

- The statutory period for collection of the tax liability expired prior to the filing of notice of federal tax lien. After six years, delinquent taxes are no longer collectable.

Another important change that went into effect on July 1, 1989, is the exemption of one's principal residence from the list of property subject to levy. This is a major addition to the list. In the past the IRS could seize your home and sell it to satisfy delinquent taxes. But again, they have left themselves an out, for if the IRS feels that the collection of tax is in jeopardy or if the district director or assistant district director personally approves a levy, your house can still be seized.

The last provision that went into effect on July 1, is the increase of weekly wages exempt from a levy. The new amount is the sum of the taxpayers standard deduction and the aggregate amount of personal exemptions divided by 52.

In future articles I will go into more provisions of the "Taxpayer Bill of Rights," and explain avenues available to the taxpayer in resolving problems with the IRS. There is definitely a push in the IRS to be more responsive to us, the taxpayer.

Cruising From pg. 4

After you've put together a list of qualifying questions (twenty is not unreasonable) the next step is to dream up some opening lines - at least three of them. This is undoubtedly the most difficult step but also the most important. Questions can be simple or complex, whatever you are comfortable with. Be creative but be yourself. Try not to make it sound like a pick-up line but instead a genuine attempt to begin a conversation. If you can't think of any of your own, ask for help from your friends or hang around the bar and write down any good ones you hear. Or even use the search for a good line as a way to start a conversation. Whatever your source, you need a way to put your well rehearsed plan into action.

The next step is to decide where you are going to go cruising. If you like to dance, the disco is a good place to meet other dancers but often too loud to carry on a conversation. I would suggest a place quieter than the disco dance floor. There are plenty of places to meet men in Sacramento if you only think about it. Take a look at the list of traits Mr. Right needs to have and try to figure out the best places to find someone like this. The back pages of *Mom, Guess What!* lists dozens of places to find men listed by areas of interest. Do your homework and choose a location that has what you're looking for when you're looking for it.

Are you afraid of being rejected? Why? What have you lost if you've used one of your opening lines and he's told you to bug-off? Probably no more than two or three minutes of your time including travel time to and from the jerk. It hasn't cost you any money or any physical pain,

just a little bruise to your ego which (trust me) heals in no time. This bruise can be less painful if you have planned in advance what you're going to do if you're rejected. Have somewhere to go or someone else to talk to who will not turn you down (like a favorite place by the window or have a friend strategically placed not far from the jerk (He's got to be a jerk if he turns you down, right?). If you are prepared for your attempt to be unsuccessful, it will also be easier to regain your nerve for the next attempt. The key is not to give up!

The next step in your homework is to know the product you are trying to sell - YOU. Make another list (Yes! Another List!) of the things you like about yourself and the things you do not like about yourself. Your friends can help you out with this if you can recall the comments they have made about you in the past. There should be as many on the "like" list as there are on the "dislike" list. If the conversation starts heading in that direction you can bring up one of your selling points (or better yet, get him to ask about one of your selling points). Think of it as if you were selling a product. You do not want to tell the customer the limitations of your product, you want to push all of the good things that the product can do for the customer. Cruising is no different than selling a product.

The sixth and final step is to practice the first five steps: 1) You are thoroughly familiar with the twenty questions (at least) you are going to ask the "customer" to see if he is really the person you want to buy your product; 2) You have three (at least) opening lines that you are going to use to see if the customer is willing to be sold; 3) You have chosen the most appropriate place to find potential customers and this place is a good environment to either give your sales presentation (steps 1 and 2 above) or to get your customer to go to a good place that you have already chosen; 4)

You have gone over the risks involved and reduced it down as far as possible as well as created alternate plans in case of an accident; and 5) You know your product, its weaknesses AND its strengths, and are prepared to accentuate the positive.

Once you have mastered step six, you are ready to go out and put your plan into action. Like any well prepared plan, it should always be open to revisions and, like any trip you take or drive you make, the more you do it, the easier it gets. So go out and do it! If you still have your doubts, contact the Lambda Center and find out when the next *Cruising 101* class is being offered.

Gay Candidate for Concord City Council

by Keith Clark
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Concord, Calif. — David Hays, a 22-year-old gay nursing student at Diablo Valley College, has announced he's running for a seat on the Concord city council in the upcoming election November 7 there that's turned into a political lesbian/gay rights storm of controversy recently.

Hays said his bid for one of the three council seats was spurred by the announced candidacy of the Rev. Lloyd Mashore, a leader of a fundamentalist church who led a successful repeal move against Concord's new AIDS anti-discrimination law which will also be on the November ballot. Mashore claims lesbians and gay men are advocating the AIDS legislation "to promote their lifestyle."

Hays, the seventh candidate for the three council seats, is also a volunteer with the Diablo Valley AIDS Center.

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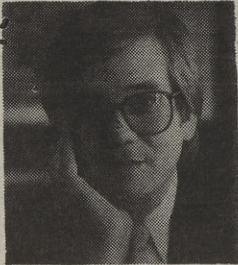
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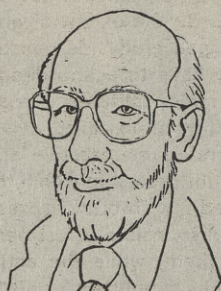
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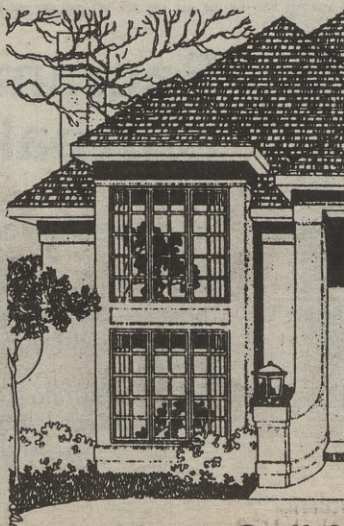
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Relationship Enhancement: Communicating Differences

More Ground Rules For Communication.

by Joanne Marrow, Ph.D.
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This series is about establishing rules for the dialogue of your differences. Establishing some mutually agreed upon rules will remove chaos from your arguments and will create a comfortable and safe place in which to share your inner Self. In the early parts I discussed finding a safe setting where you can quietly sit face to face. Key rules are: agree on the rules; no physical violence; stay sober; assume a sharing, open attitude; do not interrupt; decide how to announce you need a break; make "I" statements.

In this article I present more rules for managing the argument.

8. Share your feelings and reactions to voice tone and body language. Some people whose family of origin was openly expressive are completely comfortable with screaming and wildly waving their hands and arms to punctuate their messages. Others have been raised with a restrained kind of "civility." They tend to speak quietly, but punctuate with a sarcastic tone or statement.

If the members of a couple are on opposite poles of this spectrum, they will find that they are not communicating because they get sidetracked by the other's punctuation style. As Toni gets more and more involved in the conversation, she starts screaming and pounding the table. Tracy is completely taken aback. She moves as far away as possible. Her mind goes blank. Her heart starts pounding and she stops listening. Instead, she is watching Toni's "show" in complete fear. At her worst, she may exit the room. Toni starts screaming louder, that Tracy has broken the rule of staying

to finish the conversation.

Mike has been making large gestures in the air while he is talking very fast, full of emotion. Blaise sits motionless, asks, "Have you finished?" After Mike nods "yes," Blaise coldly and blandly says, "Now I would like to present my next point."

Mike feels that Blaise isn't listening to him. Blaise is so quiet and still that Mike thinks that the topic of conversation must not be at all important to him. He thinks that Mike doesn't care about him at all; he has no feelings.

Both Tracy and Blaise would like to resolve this difference by a new rule of "no screaming, wild gesticulation, nor pounding the walls or furniture." Toni and Mike retort, "I have a right to scream all I want if that is how I feel."

Most humanistic psychologists would say that it is healthy and appropriate for Toni and Mike to express their feelings strongly, passionately and openly. That they can do so with their partners is a sign of their sense of closeness. Tracy and Blaise, on the other hand, need to relax and become a little more expressive. The resolution of this problem is for Tracy and Blaise to tell their partners that the screaming makes them afraid and withdrawn. Toni and Mike can remind them that they are respecting the rule of "no violence." Their screaming will not escalate to punches. Therefore they do not need to be afraid.

On the other hand, Mike and Toni need to listen to the statement that their partner's reaction to this behavior is to withdraw. While they can continue to exercise their right to express themselves, they have to realize that the pace of the argument must slow down to allow Tracy and Blaise to recognize their fear, acknowledge that it is not appropriate and then reconnect emotionally with their partner.

While Tracy and Blaise are getting themselves together, quieting themselves and dropping the fear, Toni and Mike will be waiting for them to complete this process. The result may be that the point of the conversation is lost and the argument must begin anew. Both members of the couple ask, "Where were we? What were we talking about?" This interruption of the conversation should be valued. The two are working on finding a common nonverbal language. Interaction is

happening, even if the argument itself is not resolved.

This pattern of different communication styles is not one which is resolved in one sitting. Each member of the couple needs to remind the other and themselves how they are reacting to gestures and tone. We can look at communication styles as a habit. The individuals are not changing the habit of the other and understand it. If one individual has a habitual fear of screaming, it may be grounded in the childhood experience of screaming which escalates to a beating. The couple will have to have many experiences of arguing where screaming does not end in violence for the one to begin to shed this habitual expectation.

9. Agree to disagree. There comes a point where two people need to acknowledge that they have very different attitudes, perceptions, emotional responses and values. When they truly respect the other person, and feel respected themselves, they can feel comfortable about their lack of similarity. Neither member of a couple tries to convince the other that they are mistaken. Getting to know your partner may really be the process of getting to know how they differ from you. What becomes a serious consideration is the possibility that you may have nothing in common. Coercing your partner into agreement with you is not establishing a common ground. It will only make him/her less likely to share him/herself with you.

It is especially important to communicate one's values. For example, if above all else, making money is important to you and your partner puts money last and political protest first, even to the extent of going to jail for peacefully demonstrating, you may have to acknowledge that such a major difference makes a partnership impossible. On the other hand, a cooperative arrangement might prevail in which the one interested in money researches socially responsible investments for both of them, while the activist is emotionally supported for his/her effort by the one who does not care to do political work.

Later in this series I will discuss values clarification in more detail.

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Jealousy and Revenge in the Marines

Sacramento, Calif. — When Barbara Baum and Cheryl Jameson joined the United States Marine Corps, neither one expected to end up in jail.

However, both served over six months in the brig for sodomy and indecent acts. The formal charge, they were gay. "I could have gotten 43 years max," said Baum. "They said they had to protect society from me." Ironically, the closed, male-dominated society of the Marine Corps afforded neither Baum nor Jameson any protections — not even those guaranteed under the U.S. Constitution.

Their shocking saga of jealousy and revenge began routinely enough. Homosexuality was the farthest thing from Baum's mind when she signed up. An Indiana University student before she enlisted, Baum answered the standard USMC question of whether she had any homosexual tendencies with perfect honesty. She could. She was straight. "I came out in the military," said Baum. "This was my first experience." Baum was so naive that when another recruit asked her if she thought one of the drill sergeants was gay, she said the woman couldn't be, everyone had to sign a paper saying they weren't in order to join. Therefore, Baum reasoned, the corps was free of homosexuals.

Jameson, who would later become Baum's friend and ally, knew better. An open lesbian from the liberated city of San Francisco, Jameson knew from the start she'd have to lie. Covering up her sexuality was the only way she would be admitted to the



Barbara Baum and Cheryl Jameson

service. "It's fraudulent enlistment if you lie," said Jameson but she was willing to pay that price. She hoped to become a police woman, to get some training in the Marines.

Jameson was wary from the start. As a result of her circumpect behavior, she served two four-year terms with honor and re-enlisted each time. "I needed a top security clearance and got it," said Jameson, who held the tough and coveted post of drill sergeant. "Cheryl was an outstanding drill instructor," added Baum.

Baum was less careful. Once she realized that over half the women in her unit were gay, she too became involved with another woman, and because she saw lesbianism all around her, she thought there was no need to hide. However, time was against

the two women, as was the system, which pits lover against lover, woman against woman.

While the debate about homosexual rights rages on a philosophical plane, Baum and Jameson bring it down to much simpler dynamics; jealousy and revenge. According to them, the melodrama that could rival any daytime soap started when Baum's girlfriend's ex-boyfriend tried to get the woman to return to him. He was infuriated; the thought of Baum and his girlfriend together drove him wild.

The man, who also was in the military, parked his car behind Baum's to block it, then broke into the two women's motel room to talk to them. "He held me hostage most of the night," said Baum.

When that strong-arm tactic didn't work, he turned their names into the Naval Investigative Service (NIS), the arm of the military that investigates alleged cases of homosexuality and other "crimes." When nothing came of that, the 24-year-old military policewoman thought she'd be OK. "When I wasn't discharged then, I didn't worry," said Baum. "I trusted my lover not to say anything." But the wheels had been set in motion and when Baum's lover was called in, she gave intimate details of their encounters. It was enough to bring Baum into the widening net, and later to convict her.

Baum was on her way to a prime assignment in Hawaii months later when she got the bad news: she was being charged

with sodomy and indecent acts. She would also be charged with obstruction of justice for not cooperating and refusing to "name names" during the initial investigation. Baum eventually did break down; the Corps' "little shop of horrors" broke her. Thrown into the brig, she went for weeks without eating or sleeping. She was watched continually by psychiatrists who feared she would commit suicide. Although she doesn't say so, she had what sounds very much like a nervous breakdown.

"I got sick," said Baum. "For six weeks, I couldn't keep anything down. I didn't eat for the two or three weeks when I first got the brig." By the time she was willing to cooperate, NIS investigators had an inch thick computer print-out of the women involved, line after line "of little, itty-bitty names," said Baum. Baum told them what she knew, not from personal experience but from what she'd heard, and, as is common in the military, gossip equals proof.

"All it takes is hearsay," said Baum. "They do not need evidence."

Since that time, Baum has gained back some of the weight she lost. Although even today at 105 skin-and-bones pounds, the ordeal's heavy toll still is visible. She is still frail, her eyes dart from place to place nervously as if she is still captive.

Jameson's scars don't seem as raw. With 10 years in the Marines, she learned one of the military's few valuable lessons: being a stoic is the only way to survive mentally or physically.

The 28-year old's pain comes through in other ways. She seems healthy, even brawny, but her humor is so brittle, it often nears the breaking point. "I joined the military to travel but spent most of my time in California," said the California native. "Then I got to Parris Island — the USMC recruit depot in South Carolina. 'There's this big sign as you come on base: ... ere it all begins.' It should have said 'Where it all ends.'"

Jameson was also the victim of betrayal. Her lover gave her name to the NIS when the woman found out Jameson had gone out with someone else at the beginning of their affair. "My lover got angry with me and turned me in," said Jameson. She wanted to get back at Jameson — and she did.

Jameson was called into NIS hearings three times and asked about other women's sexuality before she was actually accused of homosexual acts herself. She didn't find out about her lover's allegations until she saw the woman's 15-page statement implicating dozens of women during the court martial held just two days after she was charged. "I suspected it but I didn't want to believe it."

During the hearing in front of a standing-room-only crowd, Jameson's judge brought in a copy of a medical textbook in order to get specific information about the sex acts involved. "He wanted all the gory details," said Jameson. Even though she was career veteran, when found guilty she was stripped of rank, pay and retirement benefits. She paid for her lover's jealousy with the loss of a 10-year career and nearly a year in prison. During her time in the brig, she was not allowed to talk to Baum even though they were in the same area. "We were told not to even look at each other," said Jameson.

Jameson was given a computerized list of women she was not allowed to communicate with, including the woman who held a power of attorney for her. Whenever she was deemed insubordinate, she was put in segregation, an isolation cell, with no word when she would be released. She was put in isolation once for writing a letter to the woman who had power of attorney. "They found a letter in my foot locker," said Jameson. "It was considered 'deception' and I was kept in the seg room for the night." Today, her hopes of becoming a police woman are long gone. Instead, she talks of somehow using her computer skills and finally getting to travel.

Even though their lives have been ruined, both women are trying to pick up the pieces of their careers, wondering how they will hide a less-than-honorable discharge and 13 years of combined military service on their resumes.

Both Baum and Jameson have said good riddance to the military. "It's a game with them, a scam," said Baum. "They play people against each other." "They kept asking about what they called this world-wide 'lesbian mafia' that goes after people," added Jameson. Apparently, this is a subversive unit that the military believes recruits and indoctrinates innocent, young heterosexual women into the ranks of lesbians. The reason for this falacious fantasy is obvious: the truth is too hard to face. "If they kicked all the lesbians in the military out, there wouldn't be anyone left," said Jameson. ■

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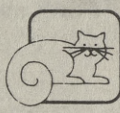


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A Kids Book From... Gertrude Stein?

by Anne Mars
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When I was ten, I asked my first-generation Polish-American mother, "Who was Gertrude Stein?" I remember her pausing, raising her wooden spoon from the pot she was stirring and waving it in the air dramatically, as she replied, "She was the woman who said, 'A rose is a rose is a rose.'" I was stunned that a woman could become famous for a definition which would certainly earn an "F" if offered in the fourth grade. Perhaps my mother did not know that Gertrude Stein was a famous lesbian who played hostess to the Paris artist colony of the 1930s and 1940s. (Stein was close friends with Pablo Picasso.)

Most readers of Stein stop with her "Autobiography of Alice B. Toklas" because the rest of her stream-of-consciousness writing (composed without punctuation) is incomprehensible. However, *The World Is Round*, Stein's only children's book, is a purely delightful statement of existential philosophy for children of any age. And in this book, the rose is a little girl named Rose. "Rose was her name and would she have been Rose if her name had not been Rose. She used to think and then she used to think again."

Rose has a little dog named Love. When he drinks his water, Rose sings her little song of the eternal metaphysical questions:

"Why am I a little girl
Where am I a little girl
When am I a little girl
Which little girl am I

And singing that made her so sad she began to cry."

Rose has a cousin, Willie, who has lost his lion, Billie. The three of them have an adventure,

which Stein sums up: "So that was all there was about Billie the lion and he was never there any more anywhere neither here nor there neither there nor here, Billie the lion never was anywhere. The end of Billie the lion."

Rose's main adventure is to take her chair and climb to the top of the mountain. "When mountains are really true they are blue. Rose knew they were blue and blue was her favorite color." Rose is sometimes funny, sad, happy and scared as she climbs the mountain for days and nights. She faces her independence, her fears and her strengths — as the mountaineering quest is the metaphor for discovery of enlightenment, self-acceptance and self-identity. Rose intends to get to the top, where "everywhere she would see everywhere and she would sit on that chair, yes there."

To stay centered in this trek, Rose thinks, "But always remember that the world is round no matter how it does sound. Remember."

Once "There," Stein describes Rose's experience, "She was all alone on the top of everything and she was sitting there and she could sing. This was the song she sang. It began.

Here I am.
When I wish a dish
I wish a dish of ham.
When I wish a little wish
I wish that I was where I am.

She stopped and sat awhile not that she ever got up, she was so pleased with sitting she just sat."

This newly published limited edition is printed as Gertrude Stein requested of her original publisher. It is printed in blue ink (Roses favorite color), on a white circle matted in pink (for Rose), on the highest quality paper. It is illustrated with C. Hurd's charming block prints in blue ink. It is an elegant collector's item. Try to special order it from Lioness Books, (916)442-4657. ■

'Writing In Exile'

by Rosemarie Pegueros
OF MGW STAFF

You Can't Drown the Fire: Latin American Women Writing in Exile, edited by Alicia Partnoy, Cleis Books: San Francisco, 1988.

If you aren't sure where Guatemala is, or you wonder about American media accounts of the Salvadoran elections, *You Can't Drown the Fire* is the book to read. It puts together a wide range of women's writing from Latin America. Most of it is not pelmic, but literature. There are testimonies, such as the one from the Guatemalan, Rigoberta

Menchu (appropriately entitled, *Things Have Happened to Me as in a Movie*), and the Argentine, Mercedes Sosa, and there are pieces of novels and plays by women with less familiar names but of great literary talent.

The women in this collection have suffered all forms of persecution. All of them have been exiled from their own countries. Some of them are no longer living, but each has witnessed the increasing state terrorism in her own country and has fled in order to continue to practice their art.

The chapter entitled "Sparks of Fury and Shooting Stars: Poetry" is particularly striking. To this writer, Jacinta Escudos' "San Salvador 1983" was particularly moving: "This is how I see myself, forever running through the streets with the ghosts of my San Salvador..."

This book is a window into the lives of our sisters in Latin America. If we wish to truly understand the forces that compel them to seek refuge in the United States, *You Can't Drown the Fire* is a good place to begin one's inquiry. ■

Lesbian Orpheus

by Salud B. Garcia
OF MGW STAFF

Magdalena by Sarah Aldridge, Naiad Press, P.O. Box 10543, Tallahassee, FL 32302, 336 pp, \$8.95.



How could an opera star, a woman of immense wealth and influence, become a bag lady? And how will Judge Ailsa Cameron and her lover Dina ever be able to prove "Mary Brown" is actually Magdalena Gibbon, especially when Mary could very well be delusional? Intriguing questions answered in an interesting story. Initially the book is slow, but do persevere. It is a modern, lesbian retelling of the myth of Orpheus and Eurydice, and, unlike the myth, has a happy ending which is plausible (gasp, could this be true?!). It is engrossing and enjoyable. ■

History Worth Seeing

by Salud B. Garcia
OF MGW STAFF

Untold Decades by Robert Patrick, St. Martin's Press, 175 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10010, 212pp, \$16.95.

This book comprises seven one-act plays presenting a comic history of gay male America and you'll love them all. Patrick is witty, fun and profound. Each play is a glimpse into a different

decade with a variety of conflicts and styles. I would love to see these plays performed (hint, hint) and don't doubt the production would be a fantastic success. Read it and watch how the vibrancy of the ideas becomes the energy fueling your aspirations. ■

Ohio Gains in Grain

by Salud B. Garcia
OF MGW STAFF

The Finer Grain by Denise Ohio, Naiad Press, P.O. Box 10543, Tallahassee, FL 32302, 198pp, \$8.95.

The main character, Amory Walker, leaves her hometown of Sterling, West Virginia, after her adoptive mother dies and leaves her house to Amory. Amory sells

the house, keeping only a photo album, and leaves Sterling for college. At Chase University, Amory discovers her lesbianism, the truth behind her recurring nightmares, and the identity of her birth parents. This is a marvelous piece of literature. Ohio writes with the beauty of poetry, the tension of drama and

the depth of vision of film. Each description is an interesting perusal of a room, a person, a moment. The dialogue is energetic and the plot is well paced. This has texture, psychological layering and timelessness. Be good to yourself - read this book. ■

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Becker's Extravaganza Variety Show set Friday and Saturday, August 4 and 5, 6 p.m., is Robby Becker's Hand-to-hand Benefit. "Survivors! Dancing in the Light," a three act musical variety show at the Coloma Community Center Theatre, 45th and T streets. Tickets are \$15 each or \$25/couple. Call Robbie Becker for further information. ■

Men's Chorus is Looking for a Few Good Men!

The Chorus is about to start its sixth season and is looking for new members. Each week the group gets together for a couple of hours to rehearse music for performances. The two main performances are the winter concert and a spring show. Throughout the year there are other performances for local organizations which cover a wide variety of music from sacred to show tunes.

This year, the chorus has expanded to include a dance ensemble. Although several members have extensive music backgrounds, knowing how to read music is not required. The only requirement is a sincere desire to sing. Call Don at 344-3532 for more information. ■

Lambda Recruiting Volunteers

The Lambda Community Center is now recruiting volunteer instructors and facilitators for its fall workshop series.

Instructors should have demonstrable experience in their subject areas and the ability to convey their message in an easily understood format. Topics may include coming out, dating, relationships, home buying, travel, meditation, massage, make up, gay films, or other areas of potential interest to the gay and lesbian community.

Classes and workshops will be of variable lengths and formats, depending on the subject areas and availability of the volunteer leaders. Programs should run no more than one evening a week for six weeks, but may run less. Weekend programs may also be conducted.

Those wishing to volunteer their services should contact Tim Warford at the Center, 442-0185. ■

Lesbian Appointed to Police Commission

by Keith Clark
OF MGW STAFF

San Francisco — Gwenn Craig, former president of the Harvey Milk Lesbian and Gay Democratic Club and a deputy sheriff for five years, has been named by Mayor Art Agnos to fill

a vacancy on the San Francisco Police Commission. Mayor Agnos announced the appointment here in mid-July following a lengthy review of candidates to fill the post at the city's increasingly controversial police oversight agency.

Craig, who strongly fought for the creation of an Office of Citizen Complaints to review public charges of police misconduct in 1983 while she was president of the Milk Club, is currently employed by the San Francisco Bar Association.

Agnos, in announcing the appointment, said, "I wanted a new commissioner with both a strong law-enforcement background and unwavering support for the civilian review process... Gwenn Craig meets that standard." ■

Gay Board President Faces Recall

by Keith Clark
OF MGW STAFF

Fremont, CA — Robert Stipicevich, the 26-year-old president of the Fremont board of education who revealed his homosexuality in a May 18 interview in the San Francisco Sentinel, has been presented with a recall petition begun by fundamentalists and conservative residents of the blue-collar community south of Oakland.

The Rev. Ray Hagan of Our Savior Lutheran Church and leader of a newly formed group, Fremont Family Alliance (FFA), said, "I don't think the community approves of Mr. Stipicevich's values. Enough damage has been done to our children and to our community."

Jeff Shore of FFA presented a copy of their petition to Stipicevich at the July 5 meeting of the Fremont board which was

packed with FFA supporters. At the meeting, former Fremont city councilman Ken Steadman called Stipicevich "a perverted, wicked, distorted, corrupt and debased human being."

On July 7 FFA filed papers with the Alameda County registrar of voters to begin collecting the 12,000 signatures required to put the recall move before the voters there in November. The papers were signed by Shore, Hagan, Ron Smith, Gary Wolfe, and JoAnn Stansberry of the Fremont chapter of concerned Women of America. The group has until the end of this summer to collect the signatures in the city of some 132,000 people.

Stipicevich and Stansberry's Concerned Women of America clashed last year over the board president's proposal to bring AIDS education to the Fremont schools. At the time Stipicevich went public with his sexual orien-

tation, Stansberry said, "It is inappropriate for him to hold public office because he is gay... outspokenly gay."

Stipicevich, who has been a board member since 1985 and board president since December 1988, also received support from his board colleagues at the time as well as from Carol Douglas, president of the Fremont PTA Council, who said, "I don't think it should cause anyone any great concern. He's done an excellent job."

Following the July 6 school board meeting, Stipicevich said he wasn't surprised by the recall move which he expected. He added that he was organizing supporters to help fight against the move, which he called "a blatant assault on civil rights."

"They've opened a Pandora's box on this issue," he said. "It's not going to be an easy campaign." ■

Gay Republican Re-Appointed

by
OF MGW STAFF

Los Angeles, Calif. — Republican gay activist Frank Ricchiazzi, who has chiefly led the battle for recognition of moderate and conservative constituency in the gay community, has been re-appointed to the Republican Party State Executive Committee by the new State Party Chairman, Frank Visco.

Ricchiazzi, who is executive director of Californians for Individual Rights and Civil Liberties, the largest Republican political action committee in the United States, and a governor appointee to the New Motor Vehicle Board of California, was commended by Visco for his leadership and service to the Republican Party. In a letter to Ricchiazzi announcing his re-appointment, the State Party Chairman also informed Ricchiazzi, "I am honored to serve with you on the executive committee and look forward to working closely with you during the next two years."

Considered by many conservative leaders to be the most respected openly gay man in the Republican Party, Ricchiazzi is credited for organizing critical dialogue between gay community leaders and presumed gay adversaries such as State Senator Ed Davis and Los Angeles Police Chief Daryl Gates. Ricchiazzi also arranged the appearance of United States Senator Pete Wilson at several gay Republican functions in order to clarify his position on gay issues.

"My re-appointment to the state executive committee

recognizes the efforts of all gay men and women in this state who have strived for credibility and respect within the Republican Party," declares Ricchiazzi, "and this reappointment will provide me with further opportunity to advise our party's leadership on issues which concern the gay community," he emphasizes.

Among his responsibilities as a member of the executive committee, Ricchiazzi will guide and advise his party's leadership in Senator Wilson's campaign for State Governor and in the preparation of a fair redistricting initiative. ■

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August

1 Tuesday

AIDS Prayer Service For all people of all faiths whose lives have been touched by AIDS. 7 p.m. Trinity Cathedral, 2620 Capitol Ave. SACWN Steering committee meeting. 6-8:30 p.m. W.E.S.T. 2306 J St. Rm. 200. 486-8985. **Heart to Heart Drop** in rap group for gay and bisexual men facilitated by a professional therapist. Donation requested, not mandatory. 6:30-8 p.m. Lambda Center, 1931 L St. 448-2437.

2 Wednesday

Outdoor Adventures Monthly potluck and planning meeting. 7 p.m. McKinley Park. Stan, 441-3285. **Kern & Hammerstein At The Pops** Music from Bear Valley, \$15, 6 pm, 1-209-753-2574

3 Thursday

Pianist, Jeffrey Kahane in Recital Music from Bear Valley \$6, 6pm. 1-209-753-2574.

4 Friday

Pillars Lazy Days of Summer. No-host cocktails, 6 p.m., dinner 7:30. \$14 Sierra Inn. Reservations, 455-1771. **Variety Show** by Opera House Youth Summer Camp Theatre. \$2. 8 p.m. Woodland Opera House, 340 2nd St. 666-9617. **Survivors... Dancing in the Light** thru 8/5, 6 pm, hors d'oeuvres, \$15, Coloma Community Center, 373-0035. **Canuing Adventure** With the River Dippers and naturists from around No. Cal on the Russian River. RSVP PO Box 2693, 95812. **Jeffrey Kahane**, pianist "Festival Orchestra" Music from Bear Valley, \$10, 7 pm, 1-209-753-2574. **West Coast Celebration II** conference for old lesbians, 60 or over thru 8/6, SF State Univ. 415-528-0018.

5 Saturday



Woody Simmons The Palms, 8:30, \$6.50, 756-9901. **Track and Field Team** San Francisco fundraiser. 10:30 a.m. Cox Stadium, SFSU. 415-552-1406. **Variety Show** 2 p.m. See Friday. **Art of Sulf Healing** as applied to AIDS, Benefit for Hand to Hand, Sac AIDS foundation, \$2 donation. CSUS Union, Redwood Room, 927-4442, 487-0323. **Outdoor Adventures** Dayhike, Desolation Wilderness, Stan, 441-3285. **Free Children's Concert** Festival Orchestra" Music from Bear Valley, 10 am. **Jeffrey Kahane**, pianist Festival Orchestra, Music from Bear Valley, \$10, 6 pm, 1-209-753-2574.

6 Sunday

Softball Noon and 2 p.m. 21st and C sts. **Susanna Mildonian**, harpist "Festival Orchestra" Music from Bear Valley, \$10, 2 pm, 1-209-753-2574. KVIE/Channel 6 presents Bradshaw on The Family "The Compulsive Family," Channel 6 4 pm.

7 Monday

Women's Rap Group and Social "Coming Out Stories" 7-9 pm, Lamda Center, 1931 L St., 442-0185. **Track and Field** See Sat.

8 Tuesday

Heart to Heart Drop in rap group for gay and bisexual men facilitated by a professional therapist. Donation requested, not mandatory. 6:30-8 p.m. Lambda Center, 1931 L St. 448-2437. SACWN Newsletter committee meeting, 486-8985.



Laura Nyro & Band Crest Theatre, 1013 K Street Mall, 7:30, \$12.50.

9 Wednesday

Chamber Music Concert, Festival Concert, Music from Bear Valley, \$6, 6pm 209-753-2574. **Needle Question** Cable channel 47 8 pm. **Building a Legacy of Peace** August Women's Peace Event with Dr. Angela Curiale, Crest Theatre 6:30pm, reception 5:30-6:30pm, 446-3525, 446-1092.

10 Thursday

Opera: Puccini-Tosca Festival Orchestra Music from Bear Valley, \$15, 6pm, 209-753-2574. KVIE/Channel 6 presents Bradshaw on The Family "The Compulsive Family," Channel 66, 9 pm.

11 Friday

Zina Schiff, violinist Festival Orchestra Music from Bear Valley, \$10, 7 pm, 209-753-2574. **Fifth Annual Sacramento Stride Crocker Park** 3rd & O sts., 2.5 mi & 5 mi walk, 452-8104. **Tower Allight Celebration Extravaganza** 9 pm, The Tower Bridge, Accompanied by a radio simulcast and fireworks display, 440-6107.

12 Saturday

Cache Creek Roadshow Benefit for friends of Cache Creek, 8 p.m. 666-2364. **Hacienda Del Sol**, 17525 Sweetwater Springs Rd., Guerneville, 1-7 pm \$7 includes Bar-B-Que and use of pool, bring suit and towel, for tickets write Food for Thought, PO Box 1357, Guerneville, 95446 or call 707-887-1647. **Outdoor Adventures** Kayaking in lower American River. Dave 444-2394. **Gala Bar-B-Que and Auction** Music from Bear Valley, 11 am 209-753-2574. **OPERA: Puccini-Tosca** \$15, 6 pm, see 8/10.

13 Sunday

Softball, Noon and 2 p.m. 21st and C sts. **Poetry Reading** Olivia Castellano and Janet Carncross-Chandler. Open readings will follow featured readers. \$2 donation. 8 p.m. Webbers Book Shop, 2107 P St. 446-9346. **Bound and Determined** Women's support group, topic "BED" to attend meeting request guest status. 4 pm. 456-8649. **Zina Schiff** violinist Festival Orchestra Music from Bear Valley, \$10, 2 pm, 209-753-2574. KVIE/Channel 6 presents Bradshaw on The Family "The Persecuted," Channel 6 4 pm, "The Bad Child," 5 pm.

14 Monday

Women's Rap Group and Social "Potluck." Bring a dish to share. 7-9 pm. Lambda Center 1931 L St. 442-0185.

15 Tuesday

Heart to Heart Drop in rap group for gay and bisexual men facilitated by a professional therapist. Donation requested, not mandatory. 6:30-8 p.m. Lambda Center, 1931 L St. 448-2437.

17 Thursday

KVIE/Channel 6 presents Bradshaw on the Family "The Persecuted," Channel 66, 9pm.

18 Friday

SACWN presents the documentary film "Out in Suburbia," 7 pm, Clarion Hotel, 16th & H sts., \$8 & \$10, 486-8985.

19 Saturday

Outdoor Adventures thru 8/21, Backpacking in the Palisade Crest area of the Sierra, Rick 1-795-4654. **Buffalo Slingrays**, Womens' City "B" League, Softball team fundraiser, featuring "The Stampede" 2-5pm, \$2 all-you-can-eat chicken feed & \$5 all-you-can-hold beer bust.

20 Sunday

Animal Rights get-together in the park, lesbian and gay supporters, 2 pm, 921-1391, 372-1431 KVIE/Channel 6 presents Bradshaw on The Family "The Most Common Family Illness," Channel 6, 4 pm, "Help for The Family" follows at 5 pm **Women & AIDS**, Cable channel 47, 8 pm.

21 Monday

Women's Rap Group and Social "Bi-Sexuality vs Lesbianism, Do We Have A Choice?" 7-9 pm, Lambda Center, 1931 L St. 442-0185.

22 Tuesday

Heart to Heart Gay/Bi Men's Rap Group, 6:30-8 pm, 1900 K St. 448-2437.

24 Thursday

Building Bridges for California Women thru 8/25, Holiday Inn, Capital Plaza, 445-3173. KVIE/Channel 6 presents Bradshaw on The Family "The Bad Child," Channel 6, 9 pm.

26 Saturday

Sierra Nevada Music & Crafts Festival featuring Betsy Rose & Nina Gerber, Nevada County Fairgrounds, Grass Valley, 10 am - 8 pm, 265-0824. **Outdoor Adventures** Bicycle trip of the coast. Dave, 444-2394. **Gay and Lesbian couples get-together**. Jerome, Eliseo 391-0109.

27 Sunday

KVIE/Channel 6 presents Bradshaw on the Family "Health for the Family," Channel 6, 4 pm, "Hope for the Family" follows at 5 pm. **Bound and Determined** Women's support group, topic "Coming Out Into S & M Stories." To attend meeting request guest status. 4 pm. 456-8649. **Poetry Reading** Gene Black and Richard Joplin. Open readings will follow featured readers. \$2 donation. 8 pm. Webbers Book Shop, 2107 P St. 446-9346.

28 Monday

Outlook Monthly lesbian/gay video magazine. 10:30 pm on cable 47, PWA/AIDS activist Christian Haren. **Women's Rap Group and Social**. "Open Rap" 7-9 pm. Lambda Center, 1931 L St. 442-0185.

29 Tuesday

Heart to Heart Gay Bi Men's Rap Group, 6:30-8 pm, 1900 K St., 448-2437. **Outlook** 5:30 pm, Cable Channel 47, repeat broadcast.

30 Wednesday

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31 Thursday

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September

2 Saturday

Rainbow Festival, Labor Day Weekend thru 9/4, 925-4667, 338-3760.

6 Wednesday

Outdoor Adventures, Monthly Potluck, Meeting McKinley Park, 1-758-1214.

19 Tuesday

Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays Rap Session, 7:30 pm Fremont Presbyterian Church, 5770 Carlson Dr. 444-9510.

22 Friday

Capitol City Social Club, thru 9/24 Weekend at Clearlake.

23 Saturday

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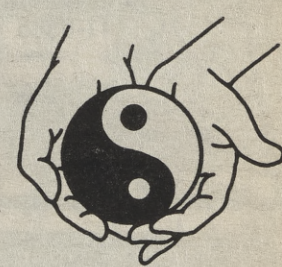


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Councilman Dave Shore speaking for ordinance restricting Operation Rescue protests at abortion clinics.

Religious right targets Councilman Shore for defeat

Cites Shore's sponsorship of Gay and Lesbian Rights; Pro-Choice ordinances

Councilman Shore during his two terms in office has sponsored city council ordinances which protect the civil rights and the right to privacy of all Sacramento residents.

A strong Gay and Lesbian rights advocate, Shore took the lead in banning discrimination based on sexual orientation in jobs and housing. Also strongly pro-choice, Councilman Shore recently led the fight for an ordinance which prohibits Operation Rescue from blocking the entrances of abortion clinics. Because of these efforts the "Religious Right" has targeted Shore for defeat.

RESTRICTED OPERATION RESCUE PROTESTS.

Operation Rescue's efforts are designed to shut down legitimate abortion clinics by blocking entrances and harassing patients as they try to pass through the protesters. The only recourse for patients and clinics was to affect citizen arrests on Operation Rescue protesters.

"That was unrealistic," said Shore.

"Most people have a hard time making a citizens arrest, especially when confronted with a hundred or more protesters. Also, citizen arrests usually get thrown out of court."

After witnessing Operation Rescue successfully shut down clinics throughout California, Councilman Shore felt something must be done before Operation Rescue came to Sacramento.

"My ordinance requires police to be present at any Operation Rescue protest in the city," Shore explained. "If the protesters try to block the entrance of a clinic or harass patients as they try to enter a clinic, the police are required to arrest the protesters for infractions of city code. This allows the city to immediately fine the protesters and remove them from the premises instead of first requiring citizen arrests."

SPONSORED GAY RIGHTS ORDINANCES.

When Shore first came to the council he was concerned that civil rights protec-

tions hadn't been extended to all Sacramentans. "I was specifically concerned about discrimination against Gays and Lesbians," said Shore.

In 1983 Councilman Shore sponsored Sacramento's first Gay Rights ordinance. It banned discrimination based on sexual orientation in hiring and firing city employees. The second Gay Rights ordinance that Shore sponsored in 1986 went even further. It banned discrimination against Gays and Lesbians in jobs and housing throughout the city.

CONCERNED CITY COUNTY CONSOLIDATION WILL REVERSE GAY RIGHTS ORDINANCES.

After reviewing the Sacramento Ad Hoc Charter Committee's current draft, Councilman Shore became concerned when he saw no provisions prohibiting discrimination against Gays and Lesbians in jobs and housing. At a recent hearing Shore told the Ad Hoc Committee that he wanted the city's Gay Rights ordinances included in the charter. "If they don't include it (the ordinances) then I will fight here in the city council to not accept their recommended charter," Shore said. "If there is a city and county consolidation, we have to be sure that we don't lose the gains we've made in Gay and Lesbian rights."

RELIGIOUS RIGHT TARGETS SHORE FOR DEFEAT.

Because of Councilman Shore's "liberal" efforts, both Rev. Cole of the Capitol Christian Center and Operation Rescue directors have fiercely criticized him. Operation Rescue has targeted Shore for defeat in his reelection bid. It wants Shore replaced with someone who isn't as strong a Gay and Lesbian rights advocate nor as strongly pro-choice. Operation Rescue has even solicited volunteers from its membership to go door-to-door in the effort to defeat Shore.

COUNCILMAN SHORE VOWS TO DEFEAT THEIR EFFORT.

"I'm going door-to-door, raising campaign funds and I'll even be doing some television advertising so that I can defeat their efforts," said Shore. "Sacramentans don't agree with their tactics. My reelection will send a clear message to them that we want to protect the civil rights and the right to privacy of all citizens."

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